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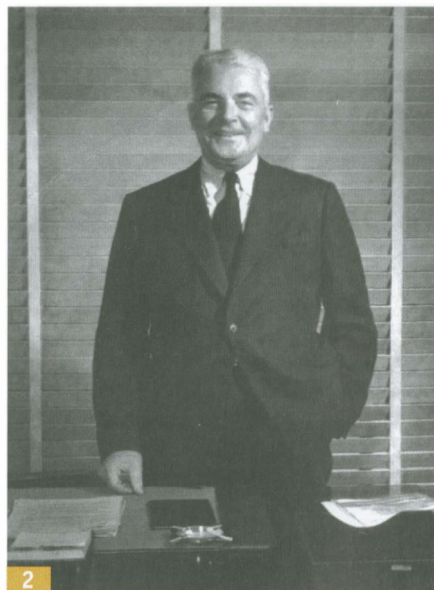
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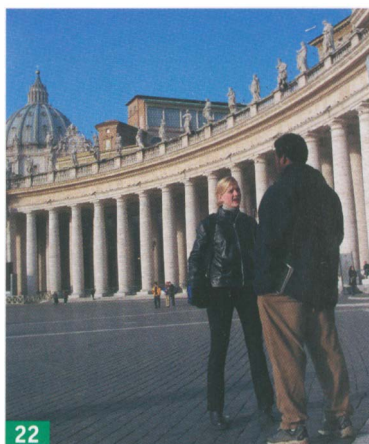
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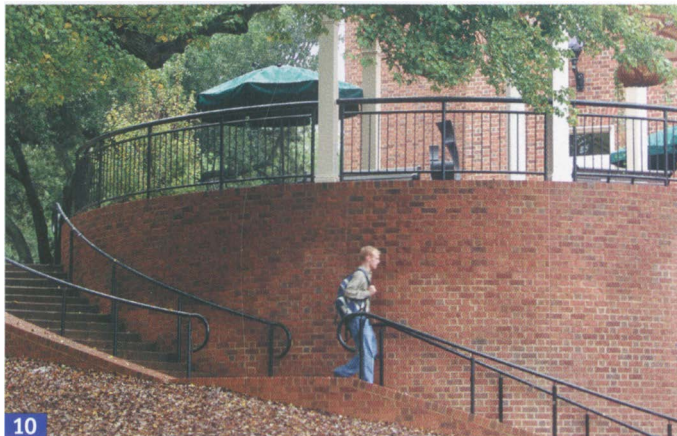
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# FURMAN'S MISBEHAVING BEHAVIORIST

**JOHN BROADUS WATSON WAS NOTORIOUS NOT ONLY FOR HIS INFLUENTIAL VIEWS ABOUT PSYCHOLOGY, BUT FOR HIS TEMPESTUOUS PERSONAL LIFE AS WELL.**

**J**ohn Broadus Watson, known as the “father of behaviorism,” is one of the most important figures in the history of psychology. He believed that most human behavior is environmentally determined and rejected the speculative and mentalistic psychology of his day, insisting instead that psychology is the rigorous, scientific study of overt and measurable behavior. He promoted his theory religiously and inflamed many with his forceful and formidable advocacy of his position.

Although many of Watson’s primary positions have been questioned or discounted since he first proposed them almost 100 years ago, few people have had such influence on the nation’s intellectual and scientific history. His emphasis on direct, objective methods of observation has had a profound impact on research and study procedures throughout the social sciences. Indeed, in 1956, Gustav Bergmann wrote that second only to Sigmund Freud, Watson was the most influential shaper of psychological thought in the first half of the 20th century. “His place in the history of our civilization is . . . secure. Such men are exceedingly rare,” said Bergmann.

In 1957, the American Psychological Association cited Watson as follows: “To Dr. John B. Watson, whose work has been one of the vital determinants of the form and substance of modern psychology. He initiated a revolution in psychological thought, and his writing has been the point of departure for continuing lines of fruitful research.”

**J**ohn Broadus Watson was born in Travelers Rest, S.C., on January 9, 1878, the son of Pickens Butler Watson and Emma Keziah (Roe) Watson. He was named for John Albert Broadus, a Baptist minister in Greenville who rose to national prominence as a theologian and educator. As a youngster, Watson was called Broadus.

In a short autobiographical sketch published in 1936, Watson wrote that his earliest academic memories were of the rural schools in the picturesque hamlets of Reedy River, White Horse and Travelers Rest. He was handling tools, half-soleing shoes and milking cows when he was 9 years old and was a pretty good carpenter by the time he was 12. Indeed, years later he built a 10-room house from blueprints, then added a garage and a barn.



NICHOLAS...  
NEW YORK



Watson was the fourth of six children in a dirt-poor family, but his mother had high hopes for her offspring. When Broadus was 12, she moved the family to Greenville because the city schools were thought to be better than the small, rural schools. "I have few pleasant memories of those years," he wrote in 1936. "I was lazy, somewhat insubordinate, and so far as I know, I never made above a passing grade."

Something must have stuck, however. After graduating from Greenville High at the age of 16, Watson entered Furman in 1894 and stayed for five years, working two of those years as an assistant in the chemistry department to help defray his expenses. Although he joined the Kappa Alpha fraternity, Watson was not very sociable and had few friends at Furman. One notable exception was Professor George Buist of the chemistry department.

Watson's Furman transcript lists six courses in mathematics; four each in Greek and philosophy; three each in Bible, English, German and physics; two each in French, geology and psychology; and one each in chemistry, economics, Latin, mechanics and sociology. His academic marks were satisfactory but not distinguished, with some of his lowest grades in psychology.

Still, he enjoyed his philosophy and psychology courses and credited Professor Gordon B. Moore, a philosopher and cleric who taught psychology, with directing him

toward the field of psychology. A stern taskmaster, Moore told the class that any student who turned in a paper "backward" would flunk the course. During his senior year, for some strange reason, Watson handed in his final paper backward. Moore flunked him, and Watson had to stay at Furman for another year, at the end of which he received a master's degree rather than a bachelor's degree.

Watson's years at Furman turned him against college. His main complaint was that college coddles students and ignores their vocational slants, leading to "softness and laziness and a prolongation of infancy." As he said in his 1936 autobiography, "... until college becomes a place where daily living can be taught, we must look tolerantly upon college as a place for boys and girls to be penned up in until they reach majority — then let the world sift them out."

Yet in 1950, when a group of psychology students at Furman dedicated the first issue of their *Journal* to Watson for his contributions as a "scholar, educator, and leader in practical application of psychology," the 72-year-old Watson wrote them a letter in which he said, "I have a very warm spot in my heart for Furman. Probably any time during my five years there they would have sold me for a plugged nickel (and rightly). But Prof. G. B. Moore really gave me inspiration. He delivered a sermon at the Greenville Baptist Church — probably the only sermon I ever listened

to. The title was 'Lift Me Up, Lift Me Up.' There wasn't much religion in it — it was rather the whole theory of evolution in blank verse." Moore was later fired from Furman for his liberal religious views.

**W**atson received his master's degree in 1899, graduating 14th in a class of 20. Because of limited finances, he took a job teaching in the summer session at a rural school in nearby Pickens County, then became principal of the now defunct Batesburg Institute. He received \$25 per month for teaching, plus free lodging, meals and laundry provided by parents of various students on a weekly basis, as he moved from one home to another in the community. Such a migratory status for teachers was common in those days.

After working for a year at Batesburg Institute, and a few weeks after his mother died, Watson began to think seriously about graduate school. At the time he was more interested in philosophy than psychology. Learning that Princeton required a reading knowledge of Greek and Latin, he decided to go to the University of Chicago, arriving with \$50 in his pocket and no other financial resources.

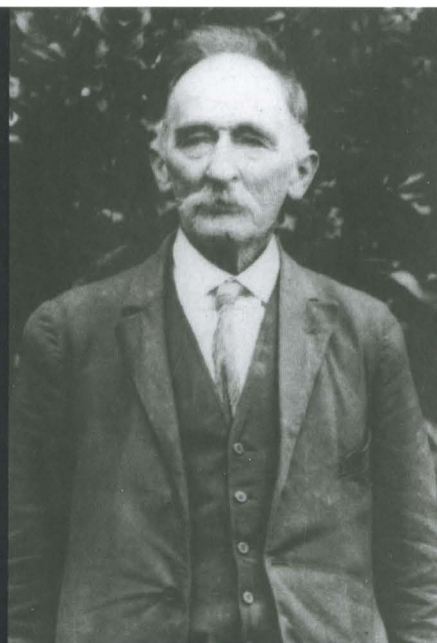
Ambitious but broke, Watson worked as a janitor, waiter and caretaker for Professor H.H. Donaldson's laboratory rats, while focusing his studies on philosophy, neurology, physiology and experimental psychology. He studied with John Dewey, the influential philosopher and



Watson was 16 years old when he enrolled at Furman in 1894. He was considered by his professors to be a nonconformist.



Emma Keziah Roe Watson was extremely religious and held out hope that Broadus would grow up to become a minister.



Pickens Butler Watson has been described as lazy and delinquent. He left the family when Broadus was a youngster.

educator, but claimed he never understood anything that Dewey said.

Watson received his Ph.D. in 1903 (*magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa), his research being directed jointly by Donaldson and James Rowland Angell. Then 25, Watson was said to be the youngest person ever to earn a Ph.D. at Chicago, which was considered an intellectual hotbed filled with academic hotheads. He served first as Angell's assistant and later as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology.

In December 1903, Watson married 19-year-old Mary Amelia Ickes, a student in one of his classes. According to Kerry W. Buckley's *Mechanical Man*, the family legend was that Mary "had developed a crush on her professor and during one long exam wrote a love poem in her copybook instead of answers to the test questions. When Watson insisted on taking the paper at the end of the quiz, Mary blushed, handed him the paper, and ran from the room. The literary effort must have had its desired effect. But the courtship that ensued was never blissful."

Mary's brother was Harold Ickes, a United States senator from Illinois who later became Secretary of the Interior under Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Ickes vehemently opposed Mary's marriage to Watson, whom he considered a contemptible egomaniac. His opposition was so violent that Watson later feared for Mary's physical safety. Watson and Mary were

secretly wed on December 26, 1903, but were soon separated when Ickes sent Mary to live with an aunt in the East.

While Mary was gone, Watson broke off an affair with a lover who tried to win him back. After that, according to Buckley, "Watson sent for Mary, and they were publicly married in the fall of 1904. Watson confessed everything to his bride, even though he realized that the situation did not provide 'a very good foundation for marriage'." Indeed, the marriage was never a happy one.

Watson's work at Chicago went well but did not receive the support he thought it deserved. With two small children, the Watsons seemed always to be living from hand to mouth. Perhaps because of his precarious financial situation, Watson used his growing professional reputation to attract offers from other universities.

In the fall of 1908, at the age of 30, Watson accepted a position as professor and director of the Psychological Laboratory at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., almost doubling his salary to \$3,500. At Hopkins, he renewed his acquaintance with James Mark Baldwin, another native of South Carolina.

Baldwin had helped to rejuvenate the psychology program at Hopkins after coming from Princeton in 1903. In the summer of 1908, however, he was involved in a "delicate situation" when he was caught during a police raid on a Baltimore

bordello. Baldwin gave a fictitious name and later succeeded in having his case quietly dropped. When the mayor of Baltimore nominated Baldwin for a position on the school board in the spring of 1909, however, the tawdry details of his nocturnal visit came to light. To avoid an all-out scandal, Baldwin was forced to resign from Hopkins.

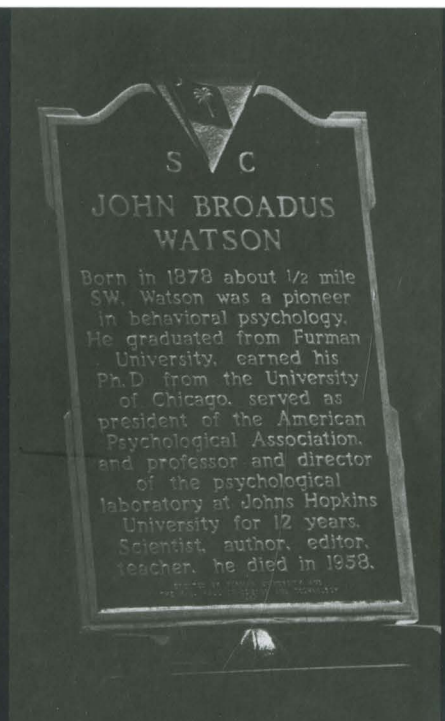
His abrupt departure shifted responsibility for psychology at Hopkins and for editing the *Psychological Review* to Watson. Buckley points out that "at age thirty-one Watson became the director of psychology at a major research institution and editor of a journal of considerable influence within the profession. Now he would have access to funding for his own research and a forum for the dissemination of his ideas."

In his 1950 letter to Furman students, Watson described himself as "aghast" when he learned of his new responsibilities. He said, "The *Psychological Review* was the official organ of the American Psychological Association. I was about as well prepared to undertake this work as I was to swim the English Channel. . . . But the magazine prospered. Prospered to such an extent that it was thought best to add the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*.

"Professor H.C. Warren of Princeton University became interested in these publications. He bought the *Review*, the *Journal*, and *Psychological Monographs*. I believe that Dr. Baldwin sold out his



In his early years, Watson and family lived in this house in Travelers Rest, north of Furman on South Carolina Highway 276. The commemorative marker was placed near the house in 1984, when Watson was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Science and Technology.





holdings for \$5,500. It was a godsend to us at Hopkins to have the financial end of the journals taken care of. Prof. Warren took over the editorship of the *Review* and I of the *Journal*."

Watson's work at Hopkins flourished. In addition to editing the *Psychological Review*, he was founding editor of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology* in 1915. The same year, at the young age of 37, he served as president of the American Psychological Association. In addition, his research and writing, especially an article titled "Psychology as the Behaviorist Views It," published in the *Psychological Review* in 1913, established his reputation as a powerful but controversial pioneer for behaviorism — the scientific study of observable behavior.

After serving in the Signal Corps in World War I, Watson returned to Hopkins, where his reputation soared even higher with the publication of *Psychology From the Standpoint of a Behaviorist* in 1919. Furman awarded him an honorary degree, the British Psychological Society invited him to lecture, and he entertained offers from major universities.

In an attempt to keep him at Hopkins, President Frank J. Goodnow offered to raise Watson's salary from \$4,000 to \$6,000, saying in March 1920, "It would be extremely unfortunate for the University if you were to accept a call anywhere else. I sincerely hope that you will see your way to stay with us, and can assure you of the

most cordial feeling toward you and your work from every direction." The irony of Goodnow's kind words would soon seem ominously prophetic.

**W**atson's professional prestige was skyrocketing, but his personal life was another matter. His marriage to Mary Ickes was tempestuous; he had an affair a few years after they were married with a woman named Vida Sutton, the object of an earlier infatuation. Harold Ickes insisted that Mary sue Watson for divorce; Watson's mentor, James Rowland Angell, intervened to preserve the marriage. But Mary became increasingly embittered.

A few years earlier, Watson had begun research on the development of emotions in young children, which proved to be some of his most widely cited work. He promoted the theory that displaying affection toward a child was inappropriate because it fostered dependence rather than independence. He advocated instead a strictly controlled and detached approach to child rearing.

One of his graduate assistants was Rosalie Rayner, a member of an influential Baltimore family and a recent graduate of Vassar College, where she had admired Watson's work. Together they had published an article titled "Conditioned Emotional Reactions" in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology* (1920, Volume 3). Their research involved conditioning fear in a young child — Little Albert,

one of the most famous subjects in all of psychology. They conditioned the toddler to fear furry objects by placing a white rat near him, then sounding a loud gong when the child reached toward the animal. Eventually, Albert would recoil and react negatively whenever any object resembling the rat was introduced to him.

While the research drew widespread attention, Watson's romantic involvement with Rosalie led to his academic demise. During a social visit at the Rayners' house, Mary Watson purloined 15 of her husband's love letters to Rosalie. In connection with the divorce proceedings, these letters were published on the front pages of most major newspapers throughout the country — with predictable embellishments that resembled a 1920s *National Enquirer*.

The letters are revealing. In 1920, Watson wrote to Rosalie that "every cell I have is yours, individually and collectively. My total reactions are positive and towards you. So likewise each and every heart reaction. I can't be any more yours than I am even if a surgical operation made us one." With less clinical precision, but perhaps more warmth, Watson asked Rosalie: "Could you kiss me for two hours right now without ever growing weary? I want you all 24 of the hours and then I'd quarrel with the universe because the days are not long enough. Let's go to the North Pole where the . . . nights are 6 mo. long."

Buckley says, "Watson claimed that the dissatisfaction with his marriage was



Watson and his second wife, Rosalie Rayner, visited the Longshore Yacht Club in Westport, Conn., in 1930. Above: Watson, Rosalie and their sons lived at Whippoorwill Farm during his days in the advertising business. Watson poses in front of a barn that he built.

shared by his wife. By Christmas of 1919, her interest in him had become 'purely maternal.' According to Watson, his wife complained that 'married life . . . was a bore and that she hated for the evening to come.' She too had become involved in an affair, and when confronted with Watson's infidelity, declared that 'Rosalie could have [him] as far as she was concerned.'

"A separation agreement was reached between the two parties in late July 1920, with Mary Watson obtaining a substantial property and alimony settlement from her husband that left him with but a third of his former income. The matter could have passed quietly without further incident, but when the case went to court, the press picked up the story and focused national attention on the trial."

The divorce was granted on December 30, 1920. The very next day, Watson and Rayner were married. He was 42 and she was 21.

A few of Watson's colleagues at Hopkins had known of his separation from Mary, but the university had hoped to avoid a scandal similar to the one that forced Baldwin's resignation 11 years before. Like Baldwin, Watson had violated the unwritten code of the day that faculty members should not be romantically involved with their students.

Buckley points to yet another factor: "A detail of information that was probably not overlooked by the administration and

the board of trustees was the fact that Rosalie Rayner's grandfather had [recently] given ten thousand dollars to Johns Hopkins." After all the high-level discussions and correspondence about his "delicate situation," Watson said simply: "I was asked to resign." His resignation essentially ended his career as an academic psychologist.

**W**atson was devastated by his treatment at Hopkins and hurt that his colleagues did not come to his defense. He was on the verge of a breakdown, and the academic world was closed to him. He had a new wife and considerable financial obligations from his divorce settlement, but no job and no promising prospects.

Watson eventually went to New York, and with the help of a former colleague he obtained a position with the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, where he analyzed consumer behavior — and made four times his salary at Hopkins. To understand what motivates people to buy certain products, he studied the marketing of rubber boots along the Mississippi River, sold products door-to-door, and worked as a clerk at Macy's Department Store.

He thoroughly enjoyed applying scientific principles to consumer behavior and once said that "it can be just as thrilling to watch the growth of a sales curve of a new product as to watch the learning curve of animals." His scientific approach to

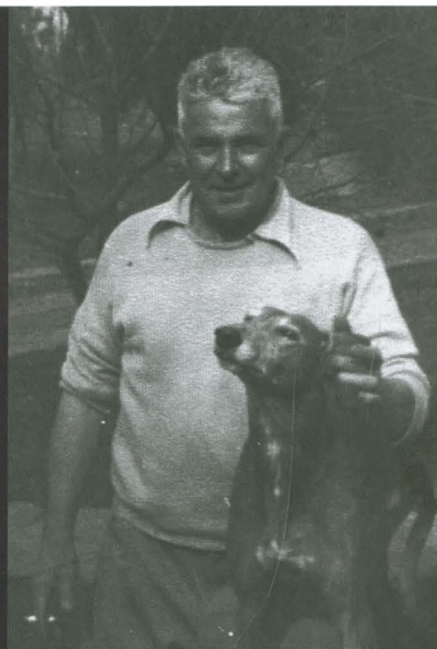
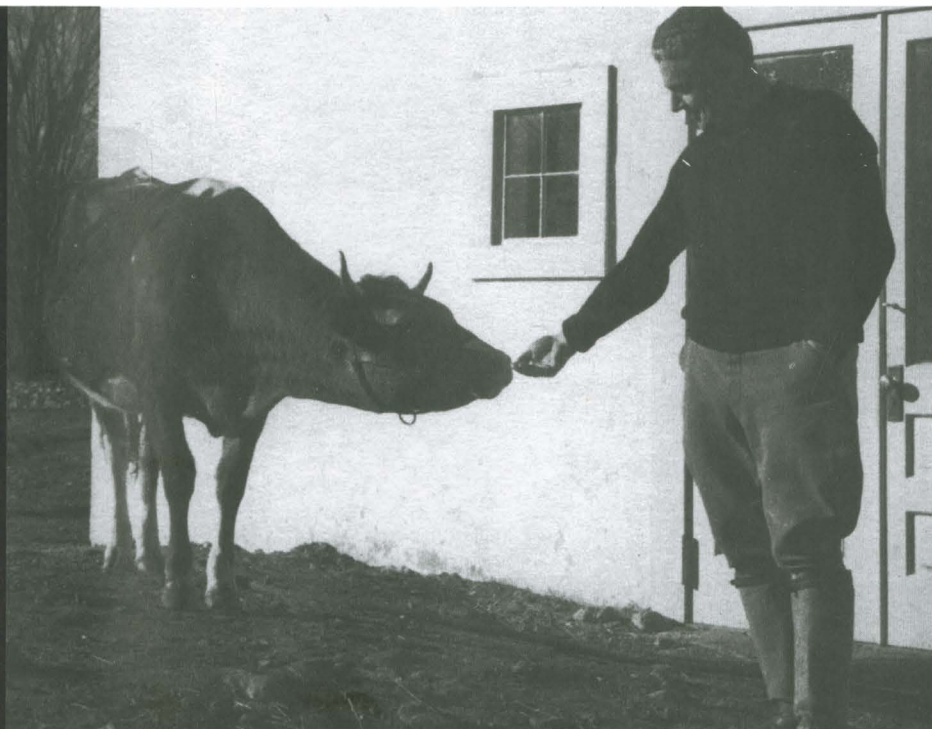
advertising impressed his superiors, and he was made a vice president in 1924. He left J. Walter Thompson in 1935 and served as an advertising executive at the William Esty Company until his retirement in 1945 at the age of 67.

His entrepreneurial bent helped him flourish in the business world, where he eventually earned a salary of \$70,000. He gave occasional lectures at the New School for Social Research and wrote for popular magazines, including *Harper's*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *The Saturday Review of Literature*, and *McCall's*. But he never forgave the academic community, which he thought had betrayed him.

The Watsons lived on Whippoorwill Farm, a beautiful estate in Westport, Conn. Watson enjoyed speeding around Long Island Sound in his 200-horsepower boat. He was fond of pound cake, farming, horseback riding and bourbon. He read detective stories and western novels, and he often played bridge with friends. He was a strong and handsome man — rugged, dashing and polished in social situations.

Some have speculated that Watson's physical attractiveness and engaging personality made him almost irresistible to women. As one colleague said, "Watson was not involved in any love triangle. It was a polyhedron of indeterminable dimensionality."

Watson and Rosalie had two sons, William Rayner Watson (called Billy), born in 1921, and James Broadus Watson (called



Robinhood's Cookie was one of the three cows on the farm. Watson enjoyed life at Whippoorwill, where he lived into the 1950s.



Jim), born in 1924. Rosalie contracted an undiagnosed infection and died in 1935 at the age of 35, and Watson never completely recovered from her death. In the early 1950s he sold the Westport estate and moved to a small farm in Woodbury, Conn., where he spent his last years.

**A**s part of a symposium at the 1981 meeting of the American Psychological Association in Los Angeles, Jim Watson made the following poignant comments about his father and what it was like being reared by the author of *Psychological Care of Infant and Child*:

"... it would be hard to come to any other conclusion than [that] in his unbridled enthusiasm for behaviorism, my father was arrogant or, at best, not inhibited by conventional modesty — perhaps he had to be a rebel to rock the world's psychological boat. But in real life, at least as I knew him, he was a much different person — one, incidentally, of considerable contradiction.

"Despite his reputation as more of an evangelist for behaviorism than a scientist, he was shy and conservative... and he was a considerate human being. He had a vocabulary second only to Webster, but he used more four-letter words than a mule skinner. He had all of the human attributes of Ernest Hemingway, but limited his hunting prowess to clay pigeons on the skeet range. He drove a high-powered boat with great abandon, but

he was scared to death of driving a car, and, in fact, never learned to do so. In his presence, one felt an aura of genuine warmth, but as an individual he was hopelessly unable to communicate or demonstrate any affection — I am not sure if that was the cause or the effect of his theories of behaviorism."

Jim Watson continued:

"Both dad and mother, although she died when I was still a child, rigorously pursued the foundation teachings of behaviorism. Frankly, I think that a better end product would have resulted if the process of growing up had been annealed with some measure of affection — it certainly would have made growing up less like a business proposition where one is judged by bottom-line performance.

"It is my hope that... others who have followed him have tempered the emotionally Spartan upbringing that he espoused. His behavioristic theories on child development unquestionably have value in terms of life's preparation through the setting of standards and developing an understanding of the parameters of acceptable and responsible behavior, but they could have been much improved if one were permitted to mix in a big helping of parental affection. I believe to do so would provide a better psychological foundation for all of us who, at one time or another in life, are ultimately put to the test of weathering the emotional storms that often topple people because of the frail egos and low levels of self-esteem,

which usually result from a childhood... that lacks a... sense of human connection."

In his declining years, Watson regained a modicum of his lost academic respectability, as the 1957 citation from the American Psychological Association indicates. Such recognition came grudgingly, however, because many resented his "fall from grace" and his stunning success in the business world. Others found the notions of behaviorism so repulsive that they rejected its founder, and still others thought that his popular writing smacked of hucksterism.

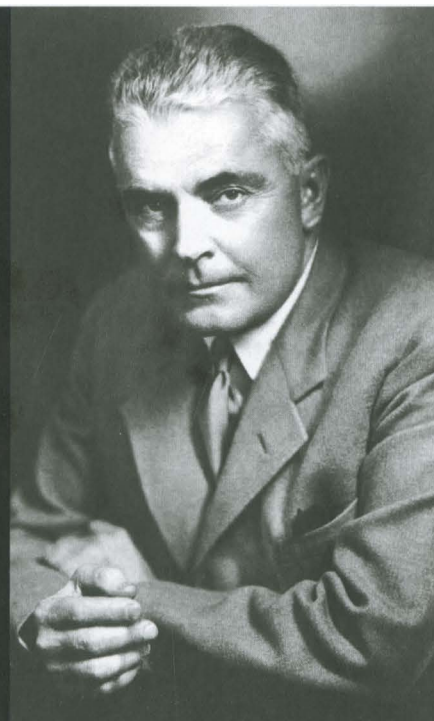
John Broadus Watson died in New York City on September 25, 1958, at the age of 80. He would be quietly amused that we are still talking about him, but such men are rare indeed! ●

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*In April 1979, a symposium at Furman commemorated the 100th anniversary of Watson's birth. Among the 2,000 who attended were, from left, Frances Keller; Watson's son, Jim; Fred Keller, one of the symposium's main lecturers; and Watson's grandson, Scott.*



# CHARLES IN CHARGE

FOR 36 YEARS AND COUNTING, BREWER HAS 'JOSTLED THE FOLKWAYS' OF FURMAN STUDENTS

Earlier this year, Lawrence Erlbaum Associates published *The Teaching of Psychology: Essays in Honor of Wilbert J. McKeachie and Charles L. Brewer*, a collection that recognizes the professors' talents as teachers and leaders in their field. The book includes a chapter about Brewer written by Furman colleagues John Batson '75 (a Brewer student) and Gil Einstein. The following is adapted, with the publisher's permission, from their article.

When the Department of Psychology at Furman moved in 1998 from the dingy, cramped basement of Plyler Hall of Science into the spacious, sparkling second floor of John E. Johns Hall, the psychology majors decided that such a seismic shift in venue should be celebrated with a New Orleans-style funeral procession.

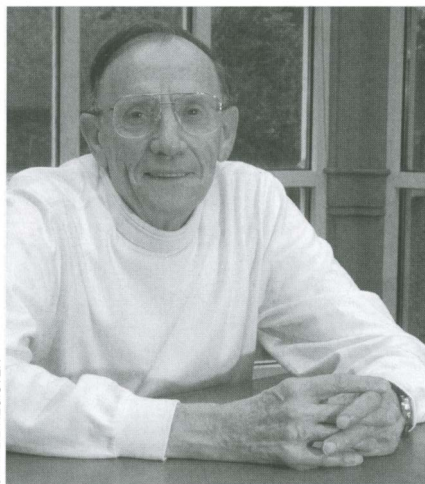
Having persuaded a trumpeter to lead the way, students and faculty marched up from the old space, accompanied by slow, mournful music. As they exited the building, however, the mood quickly changed, and the trumpeter launched into a spirited rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In." Most of the marchers began to dance, although somewhat self-consciously, since they were standing in the middle of campus — in broad daylight.

Except for Charles L. Brewer, who had endured life in the cellar longer than anyone and who, when asked about the impending move, had responded, "I will miss the basement like I might miss cholera." Not about to let this opportunity pass, he proceeded to dance, jiggle and gyrate around campus. He even dragged the embarrassed trumpeter through the administration building and the boardroom — with a trustees meeting in session!

While some may have been taken aback by this interruption, those who know Brewer would not have been surprised by his uninhibited display.

After all, his ability to seize the moment is well documented. Every year on his birthday, students surprise him during class with a party. Sometimes the celebrations get a bit exotic, as happened the year his methods class decided to invite a belly dancer to enliven the proceedings. When the dancer unveiled her midriff, the class noted that it was decorated with one of the professor's pet phrases: "Keep Your Eyeballs on the Data." Without missing a beat Brewer joined in, matching the dancer wiggle for wiggle — and keeping his eyeballs squarely on the data.

Brewer's use of humor to reinforce lecture material has long endeared him to students. In a general psychology class many years ago, he taught the Freudian



principle of sexual fixations, and then asked the class what Freud would say about his owning a large Volkswagen van. When teaching about successive approximation, he once crawled on top of the desk and oinked like a pig in response to reinforcement from the class.

Generations of students can still recall plenty of "Brewerisms," such as his standard advice about research reports: "Write with clarity, conciseness and felicity of expression." As for students planning to conduct research, Brewer often reminds them that "things always take longer than they do."

The professor's wit and style, combined with his passion for scientific psychology, stimulating classroom presence and rigorous expectations, have earned him legendary status almost since the day he arrived at Furman in 1967. His impact was so immediate that, in 1969, he was named the first recipient of the Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching.

Since then he has earned a host of other honors, including the 1989 Award for Distinguished Teaching in Psychology from the American Psychological Association and, in 1995, the APA's Award for Distinguished Career Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology.

Brewer believes that the best teachers are those who, in his words, are willing to "jostle some folkways." Students may at times complain about his requirements or the difficulty of his tests, but in the end they usually wind up boasting about how much they learned from him. More telling is evidence of Brewer's lasting impact: More than 100 of his former students have earned Ph.D. degrees in psychology.

His commitment to students extends to his colleagues and to his profession. Many a young professor, struggling to establish a foothold in the classroom, has benefited from Brewer's expertise, encouragement and support. As longtime editor of the APA's *Teaching of Psychology*, he has published a journal held in the highest regard throughout the academic community, and he has served as a consulting editor for many psychology textbooks. In addition, he is recognized as one of the country's leading experts on undergraduate psychology curricula and is frequently asked to evaluate college psychology departments.

As Brewer is fond of pointing out, it is often difficult to know where a teacher's influence ends. In his case, the geometric progression produces a span of influence that is nearly infinite.

Every Furman student who has taken psychology during the last 36 years has come under the influence, either directly or indirectly, of Charles Brewer. Through his devotion to students' best interests and his record of service to Furman and the academic community, he has demonstrated that he is one of the university's — and the nation's — true teaching talents.

*The Department of Psychology has established an endowment fund to honor Charles L. Brewer's ongoing contributions as a teacher, scholar and mentor. Proceeds from the Brewer Endowment Fund will create special learning opportunities for undergraduate psychology majors. To learn more, contact Bob Fuzy (bob.fuzy@furman.edu) or Jane Duncan (jane.duncan@furman.edu) in the Office of Major Gifts, (864) 294-3732.*





# Code Green

Constructed under stringent standards, Herman N. Hipp Hall stands out for its environmentally friendly design.

By John Roberts

Photos by Charlie Register

**W**hat's wrapped in hidden heat-reflective tinfoil and has solar green glazing and carbon-dioxide sensors that detect the presence of humans?

No, it's not the space shuttle. It's Herman N. Hipp Hall.

To the casual observer, Furman's newest academic building — named for a 1935 Furman graduate who was a civic leader in Greenville and a longtime executive with Liberty Life Insurance Company — resembles most any gleaming, modern university facility. It has a sun-bathed lobby with lustrous tile floors, sleek new furniture and soothing teal and aqua-green colors. The bathrooms glisten.

And no new academic building would be complete without at least one piece of abstract art. Hipp's is *Aquarii*, a contemporary outdoor sculpture that is the centerpiece of a brick patio. Like most abstract art, the work first confuses, then delights.

But take a closer look. Although Hipp Hall is as modern as its name implies, it is clearly not your father's academic building.

Completed late this summer, the three-story, 38,000-square-foot building was constructed under stringent environmental

standards. Hipp's design, from its fly ash concrete foundation to its heat-reflective roof shingles, is intended to conserve energy while minimizing the building's environmental impact.

**E**ntering the lobby of Hipp Hall, an astute visitor might first notice the odor — or lack thereof. There's no harsh "new building" smell because, to reduce the possibility of indoor air pollution, no oil-based paint was used.

On first glance, the building's large windows appear to have a slightly green tint. In fact, the windows on three sides of Hipp Hall are equipped with a (solar) green glass tint. The tinting allows the maximum amount of daylight to enter but blocks ultraviolet heat, which can cause the temperature in the building to rise. The glass also reduces glare.

Other "green" facts about Hipp Hall:

- Twenty-five percent of the materials used in construction of the building contained recycled content, compared with 15 percent for most buildings.

- Hipp Hall concrete is constructed with fly ash, a by-product of coal burning.

It reduces the amount of cement required yet maintains strength. Cement production is a high-energy consumption process.

- Sensors in the building's ductwork detect carbon dioxide, which is exhaled when we breathe. The data is used to monitor the air temperature and humidity in the building.

- R-19 insulation and a special tinfoil-like substance are layered under all the external brickwork. This combination reflects heat while keeping the interior cool during the summer and warm in winter.

- Every room has occupancy sensors. Overhead lights turn off automatically if no one is in the room.

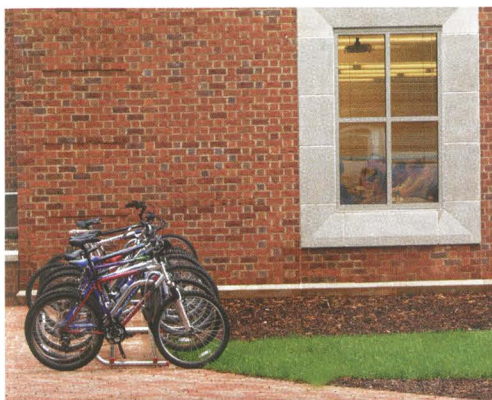
- More than 90 percent of the offices in Hipp Hall have a direct line of sight to the outside.

- External lighting reflects down to conserve energy and reduce light pollution.

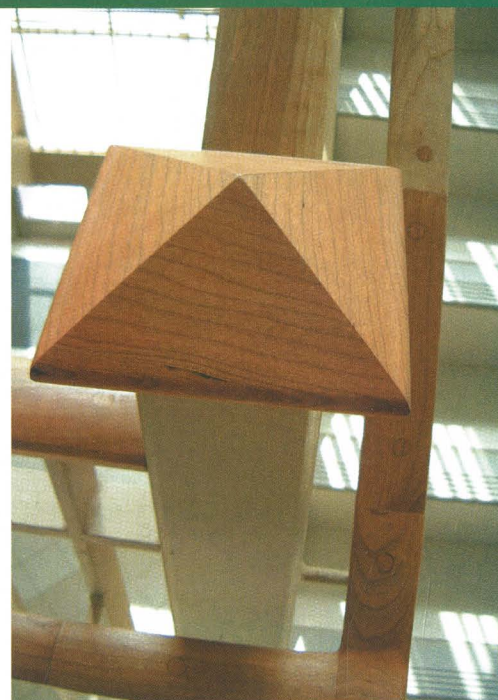
- Thanks to tree conservation and new plantings, more than 30 percent of the sidewalk and parking areas around Hipp Hall will be shaded in five years.

- More than 75 percent of the waste generated during the construction of Hipp Hall was recycled.





Opposite: A winding staircase, leading from the building's main patio, takes this student toward South (formerly men's) Housing. This page, above: Teachers in Hipp Hall have the latest in multimedia equipment at their fingertips; external brickwork is layered with insulation and a heat-reflective substance that help keep the building's interior cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Below: Views from some classrooms can be spectacular; the building's stairways feature wooden bannisters and handrails.



"Green" construction, although popular elsewhere, has only recently gained inroads in the South. In November, Furman applied to have Hipp Hall named the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building in South Carolina.

The U.S. Green Building Council, a national group of building industry leaders that encourages the construction of energy-

efficient buildings, developed the LEED Green Buildings Rating System. Buildings are assigned one of four levels in the rating system — certified, silver, gold and platinum — based on the number of environmentally friendly features they include. A LEED panel ascribes points after reviewing documentation supporting each LEED prerequisite and credit. There are approxi-

mately 400 LEED-certified buildings in the United States, most of them in the Northeast and California.

Mary Pat Crozier, capital construction manager at Furman, says implementing the environmentally friendly features added about \$300,000 to the building's cost. But through energy savings, those expenses should be recouped in about 12 years.



"This is too long of a payback period for most homeowners to consider beneficial," Crozier says. "However, Furman and other universities and institutional clients build buildings with life cycles of 25 to 50 years, so a 12-year payback represents a viable savings. Plus, you're doing your part to protect the environment."

The building's lower level (or Garden Level, as its occupants affectionately call it) is home to the departments of Continuing Education and Graduate Studies. The Department of Education and the Rushing Center for Advanced Technology are stationed on the ground floor, with the Department of Economics and Business Administration on the second floor.

With its roomy offices, cozy conference rooms and classrooms equipped with the latest multimedia technology, Hipp Hall is designed to enhance learning in both large and intimate settings.

"In class you can show a video clip, then go immediately to an overhead without missing a beat. Because classrooms have Internet access, you can pull up current stock quotes and interest rates," says EBA professor Bruce Brown. "It's brighter than what we were accustomed to in Furman Hall. This is such a pleasant environment."

**D**uring the building's dedication ceremony October 29, Furman awarded honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees to two prominent South Carolinians: Darla D. Moore, a leading businesswoman and philanthropist, and Inez Tenenbaum, the state's Superintendent of Education.

Moore, executive vice president of Rainwater, Inc., a private investment firm, is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and of the Master of Business Administration program at George Washington University. As a result of her generosity and support, the Moore School

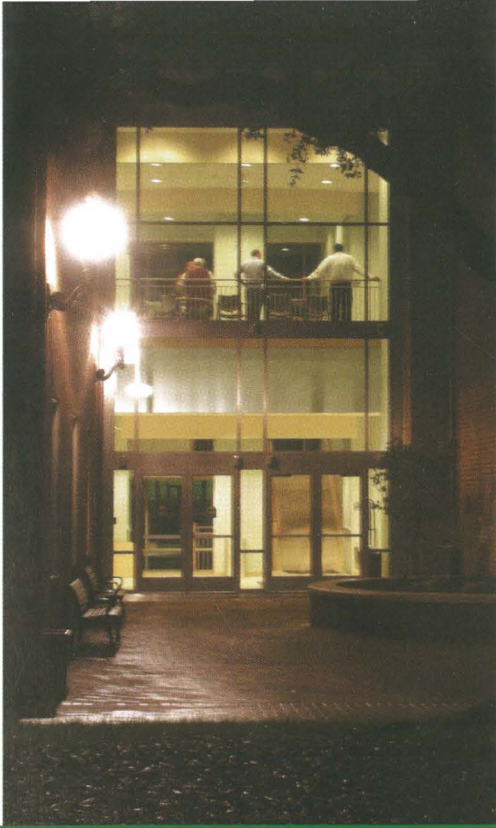
of Business at USC is named in her honor, and the School of Education at Clemson University is named for her father, Eugene T. Moore. Designated one of the 50 most powerful women in American business by *Fortune* magazine, she is the founder and chair of the Palmetto Institute, a foundation dedicated to improving the economic climate in South Carolina.

Tenenbaum is a graduate of the University of Georgia and of the University of South Carolina School of Law. Elected superintendent in 1998 and re-elected this fall, she has worked to raise academic standards, improve student readiness for school, and strengthen the quality of instruction in the state. She created the School Leadership Executive Institute and has played a major role in the development of the First Steps in School Readiness initiative. ●

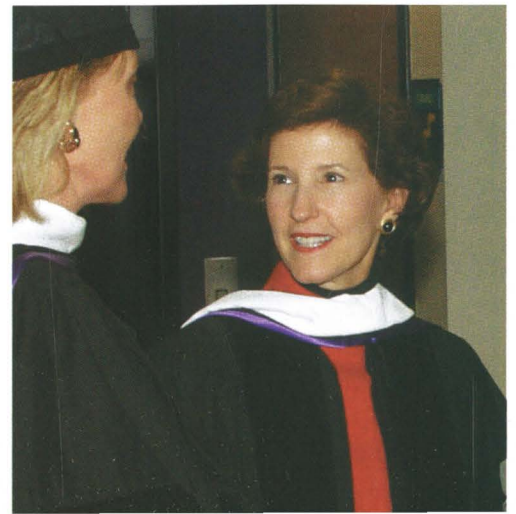
**Framed by trees bursting with fall color, the abstract fountain/sculpture *Aquarii* serves as the centerpiece of the patio that looks out toward the center of the campus. The tables are similar to those at the University Center just across the way; the trellised arcade echoes the walkway at nearby Richard W. Riley Hall.**







**Above:** The main entrance to Hipp Hall faces the James B. Duke Library; students in the second-floor gathering area might feel at times as if they're sitting in the trees. **Below:** The windows, like these in the stairway on the building's south side, are equipped with a solar green glass tint; at dedication ceremonies October 29, Furman awarded honorary degrees to Darla D. Moore (top), a leading business executive and philanthropist, and Inez Tenenbaum, South Carolina Superintendent of Education.



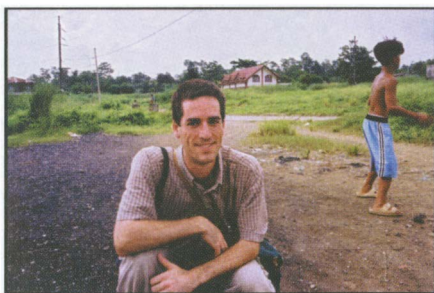




By David McKay Wilson

# The Storyteller

ARMED WITH A CAMERA AND A SERVANT'S HEART, TED HADDOCK USES HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC TALENT TO DOCUMENT HUMAN-RIGHTS ABUSES.



Photos by Ted Haddock

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*Above: The photographer in Manila, August 2002. Top: In Nairobi, 100-year-old Miriam and her family, who have lived on the same five-acre plot for 71 years, are being forced to leave as a result of government corruption. Without an advocate, they could lose the only home they have ever known. Opposite: An Indian family released from the Annaram quarry awaits promised funds from the government. Officials are offering sheep instead of cash. IJM is working to secure the payments.*

To know the face of injustice in the world today, take a moment with the photographs of Ted Haddock.

Look into the sad eyes of a 14-year-old girl from the hills of Thailand, abducted from her village and sold into prostitution against her will. Observe the tired hands of a 12-year-old Indian boy, rolling cigarettes 10 hours a day to pay off a \$50 loan that his parents took from a tobacco merchant. See the look of hope on the face of a Kenyan father, finally free after being detained for three years on trumped-up charges that could have brought the death penalty.

In Haddock's most recent photographs, taken during a 28-day journey this summer for International Justice Mission (IJM), you glimpse the suffering of people living under the thumb of their oppressors in India, Kenya, Thailand and the Philippines. But his work for IJM, a Christian-based human rights organization in Washington, D.C., also reveals the inner dignity of these victims, who have hope that they will some day see freedom.

Haddock's trip in August took him on brothel raids in Bombay's red-light district, searching for underage girls that IJM's

investigative team wanted to rescue. He visited the home of a 100-year-old Kenyan woman who was being forced from her land by a government that allowed unbridled development. He spent several hours in an after-care facility in the Philippines, where a traumatized 6-year-old girl was recovering from a vicious sexual assault.

Haddock, a 1996 Furman graduate, says his work is inspired by Proverbs 31: 8-9, which calls on people to defend the rights of the needy and to raise a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

"If you want your light to shine, you have to go into some very dark places," says Haddock. "As I travel to these places, that verse from Proverbs keeps ringing in my ears. I want my photography to be a light for those people."

For Haddock, 28, working as IJM's publications associate has been a way to combine his artistic talents with his heart for service and his yearning for justice in the world. Haddock, whose unofficial title is "storyteller," takes photos for IJM publications and creates PowerPoint presentations for churches and student groups. He edits video for IJM conferences, and this year he edited a video





presentation that was shown before a Congressional committee in Washington. He also documents stories of victims that have been helped by IJM and assists with the organization's Web site ([www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)).

His compelling photographs, however, have had the biggest impact.

"Not only does Ted have a servant's heart, but he brings incredible courage and sensitivity behind the camera," says Gary Haugen, the former U.S. Justice Department prosecutor who founded IJM in 1994. "The victims of injustice deserve to have their stories told — and for many of us, unless we see them, they don't exist. Oppression and darkness conspire to make them invisible, but Ted brings home the human face of injustice in a way that makes doing nothing impossible. He allows us to see the beauty and dignity that's worth fighting for."

Revealing that beauty and dignity takes both technical prowess and the knack for connecting with strangers, so they will be themselves before the lens.

Unlike many professional photographers who lug around huge bags of gear, Haddock travels light. He generally has just two cameras on hand — a Widelux swing-lens panoramic camera and a Contax G2, a compact camera with a 28-mm, wide-angle lens.

Both of these cameras require Haddock to get up close with his subjects. He says he has adopted the motto of World War II

photographer Robert Capa, who said that if a picture isn't good enough, you aren't close enough.

"I much prefer the unassuming little camera that forces me in close, kind of like David and his five smooth stones," says Haddock.

That closeness demands that he develop a relationship with his subjects, discovering an intimacy that is simply inaccessible from a distance.

"There is no hiding, no room for distance, just a couple of people looking each other in the face," he says. "It can be unsettling at first, but this is how I learn to enter in, to listen. It requires genuine concern, and when they see this, I find they begin to trust me and let me into the honored experience of sharing their lives."

A good picture, says Haddock, comes as much from his ability to respond intuitively to a situation as from his ability to choose the right f-stop or shutter speed.

"I listen and watch for the telling moment — an expression on a face, a gesture, a glance," he says. "I look for those moments when the whole image is working together to tell a story, when the foreground and background share a meaningful relationship in a way that reveals the narrative."

Haddock's fledgling career had its genesis a decade ago at Furman, where he majored in art with a concentration in painting and photography. At Furman,

Haddock took his first class in photography and developed an interest in documentary work, a field that bridges the gap between the grind of photojournalism and the airy remove of fine-art photography.

But he was not planning to pursue a career in photography when he left Greenville after graduating from Furman in 1996. He took a year off, then entered the Maryland Institute College of Art in 1998, hoping to improve his portfolio and win acceptance to a Master of Fine Arts program in painting.

While in Maryland, however, Haddock came to the realization that painting wasn't what he did best, and he began to reconsider his direction. After he was accepted at Indiana University's School of Fine Arts, he returned to photography, an art form that Jinger Simkins-Stuntz, an art professor and department chair during Haddock's years at Furman, had encouraged him to pursue.

"Jinger's compliments held a lot of weight. Remembering her encouragement helped push me on to the next level," he says.

Simkins-Stuntz, who now lives in Atlanta, Ga., says she recalls her conversations with Haddock, who at the time wanted to become a painter.

"I told him that he was good painter, but that he was really a photographer," she says. "He has such a strong interest in people and in helping them. He has a talent for capturing people, finding the nuances





*Above: This 70-year-old and his family were forced to work in a rock quarry in India for the past 20 years as repayment for a debt. With the help of IJM, more than 100 workers at the quarry were freed from bonded slavery, including this entire group. The woman in the center recounted how the quarry owner cut off food and water supplies prior to their release. Her father said, "I am so happy — we were suffering so badly, but you are here. IJM is helping us." Opposite: In Nairobi, Susan cares for the child of her brother, James, who has been wrongfully imprisoned and charged with a capital offense in an effort to extort bribes from the family. He will be sentenced to death unless a bribe is paid. IJM is working to secure his release and have the charges dropped. James' mother holds a photo of her son, framed by a Bible.*

and telling the personal story. It's a natural outlet for him."

While in school at Indiana, Haddock became aware of IJM's work when he heard Haugen speak at a Christian conference in Urbana, Ill. At the time, Haddock was a few months away from earning his master's degree and unsure how he would make a living upon graduation.

He says he was touched by Haugen's message of hope and curious about IJM's pursuit of justice around the world. So after graduation, Haddock decided to learn more about the organization's work and volunteered to go to India as a photographer in July 2001. With his camera, he documented the plight of underage girls involved in forced prostitution, photographed victims of bonded slavery, and saw firsthand IJM's success in freeing girls and bonded laborers.

Upon his return he applied for a job, and by November 2001 he was hired, becoming part of an organization that has grown from a staff of three in 1997 to one that today has 90 employees and a budget of \$4.2 million. IJM has field presences in India, Thailand, Kenya and the Philippines, and has partnerships with human-rights organizations in Latin America and South America.

Haugen says he founded IJM to fill the void felt by Christian workers overseas who for years have been aware of human-rights abuses but often felt helpless to do anything. Now these missionaries have a place to

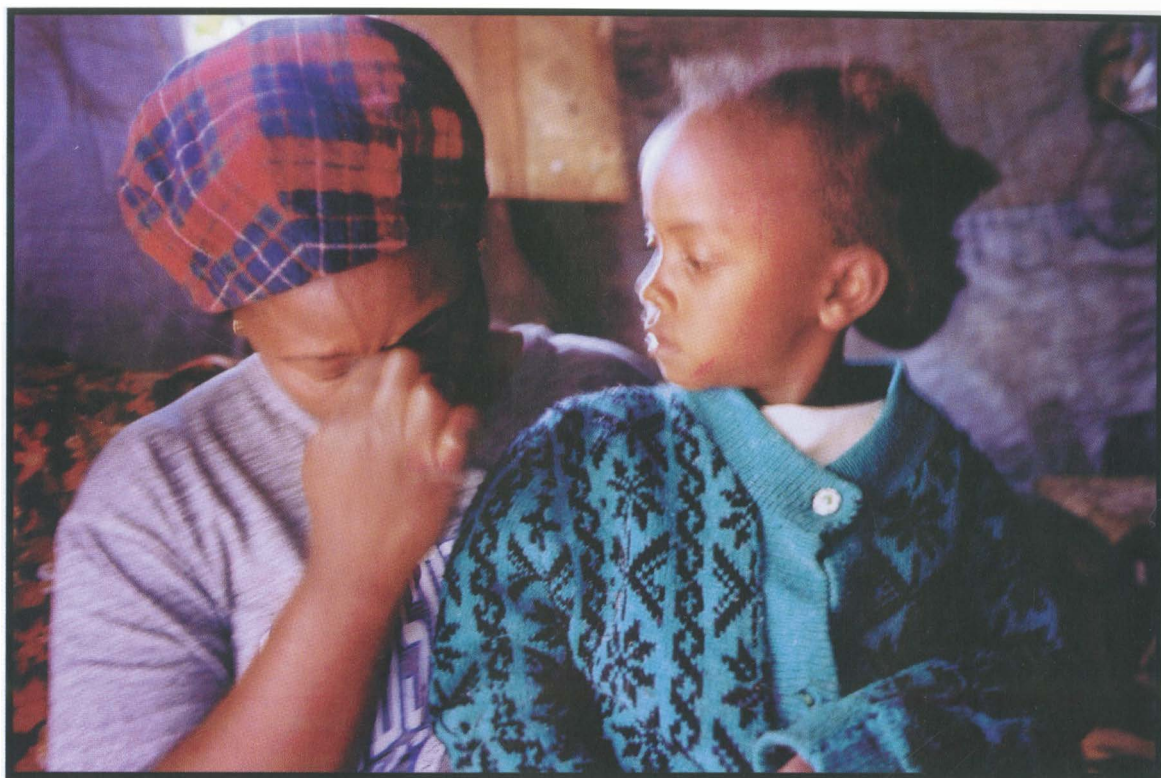
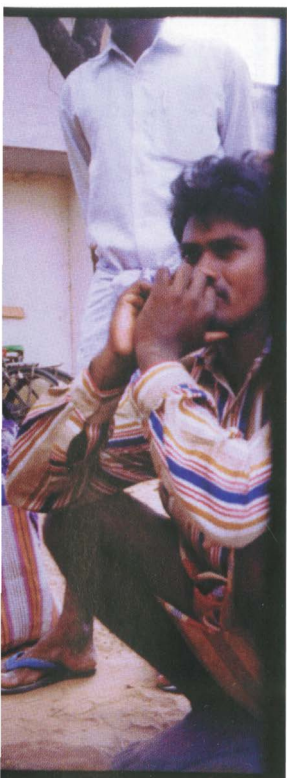
turn. Staffed by attorneys and criminal justice professionals, IJM uses investigative expertise to document abuses and present the evidence to local authorities.

Last year IJM worked to document hundreds of cases of bonded slavery, win the release of indebted workers, and free underage girls from forced prostitution. IJM attorneys won release for several illegally detained persons, including two who faced the death penalty, and is working toward securing land titles for families in Latin America whose property has been taken from them.

With IJM, Haddock has gone to the front lines to raise awareness both overseas and in the halls of Congress, where IJM has worked to influence U.S. policy on the international issue of trafficking in persons. A law passed in 2000 requires that the State Department prepare an annual report, grading countries on whether they have made significant efforts to meet minimum standards to combat trafficking. Countries with failing grades could face a reduction in U.S. aid if they don't step up their efforts to combat the problem.

Haugen testified at Congressional hearings twice in June, with Haddock alongside to photograph his appearance. Haugen urged the legislators to put pressure on the State Department to demand that nations that receive passing grades, such as India and Thailand, actually provide data showing that brothel owners have gone to





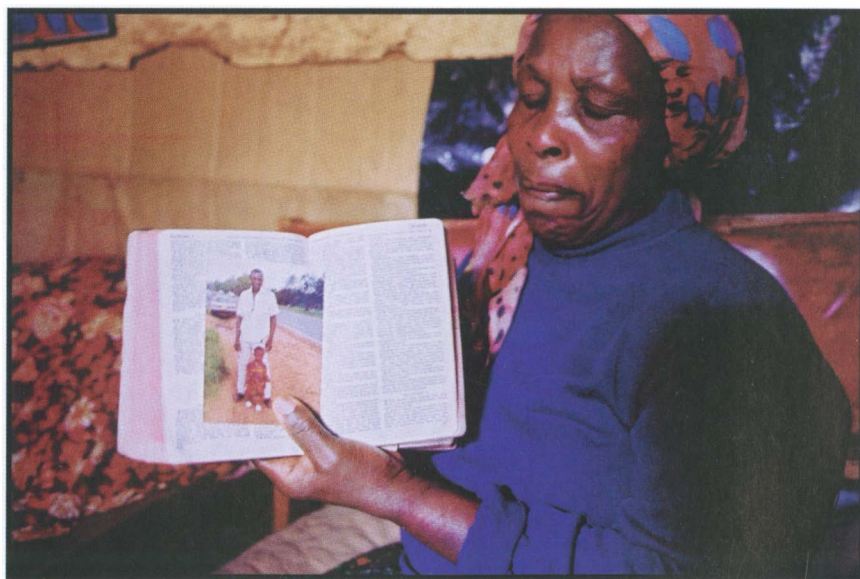
jail for their crimes and that corrupt police officers have been dismissed for their complicity.

His testimony included a video Haddock helped produce, using undercover footage from IJM investigations in India, Thailand and Cambodia. The video showed a brothel raid, officials accepting bribes to protect sex offenders, and children as young as 6 being offered for sex.

"The video got everyone's attention," Haddock says. "There's no ignoring the weight of these far-off situations when you can actually show everyone what it looks like, who it's happening to, and how it happens to them."

During his trip in August, Haddock came face-to-face with all these issues. In Bombay, he accompanied IJM investigators and Indian police on a brothel raid one rainy night when the streets were muddy, and the lamps on businesses in the red-light district created an amber glow.

The team was hoping to free three underage girls the investigators had interviewed a few days earlier. They entered a brothel and began to search for girls on each of the establishment's three floors, hoping to find the three identified by the investigators. They found some girls tucked under beds, while others were hiding in secret rooms. The police arrested three men and took 10 girls for questioning, but the girls they were looking for were nowhere to be found.

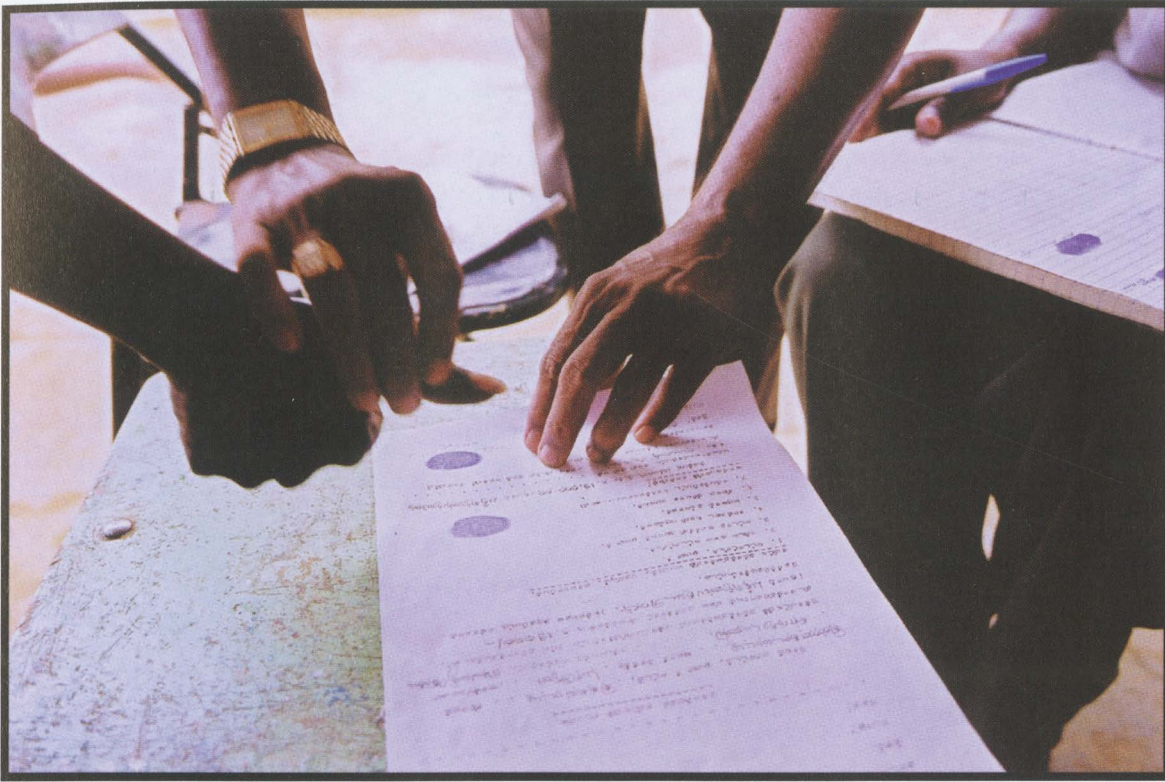


"There was quite an adrenaline rush," Haddock says. "I kept thinking, tonight could be the night when a girl gets rescued, and her life can change."

The following night the team went out again to find the three girls, and Haddock tasted the danger that IJM undercover investigators experience on occasion.

That evening, an IJM investigator had gone into the brothel, but had not come out





In Thailand and the Philippines, Haddock had a chance to meet with girls who had been rescued from prostitution and were now in Christian aftercare centers. In some cases, the girls had been tricked into coming to the city with the promise of legitimate, well-paying jobs. Others, though, had been sold by their families into prostitution.

Haddock says he sat and spoke with the girls for a long time before taking his camera from his bag. "They seemed so sensitive and fragile," he says. "I let them know that there were people out there who cared about them and wanted to make sure they were OK. I asked them about their lives now. I didn't want to hear about the brothels."

While in the city of Chennai (formerly called Madras) on India's eastern coast, the IJM team traveled to the nearby Vellore district to do follow-up work on the status of 30 children who were involved in bonded labor and whose cases were still pending before local authorities. These children, between 7 and 17 years old, were working in the local tobacco industry, rolling cigarettes. IJM had taken affidavits from the children, documenting that they had been pledged to the business owner (or mudalali) by their parents, who had turned to him for an emergency infusion of cash.

The mudalali gives a loan of as little as \$50 with the agreement that the adults, or their child, will work at below market

at the agreed upon time. When the police tried the door, it was locked.

"It looked like things had gone bad," Haddock says. "We spent several hours trying to find the operative. Finally we got in and discovered a false wall concealing a doorway into a secret room. We found the brothel manager, two girls, and our investigator, who had kept his cover. The police even pushed him around and treated him like a bad guy."





wages until the loan is paid off. It can take years to pay off the loan. Sometimes it is never satisfied and is simply transferred from generation to generation.

Indian law prohibits this practice, but reports estimate that up to 2.6 million Indians remain bonded to their *mudalali*, who serves as their employer, lender and master. The system is linked closely to the Indian caste system and has its roots in rural communities where poverty and illiteracy are rampant.

Haddock visited the huts where the children sat on the floor with a basket of cigarettes on their lap. "There was this sense that they were just waiting," Haddock says. "There was an uncertainty about what would happen with their lives and their families. They recognized there was something wrong with the fact that they were working so hard and earning so little. But their families needed money, and they had to work."

The strains that poverty and oppression have on family life were in full view in Kenya, Haddock's next stop. There, Haddock met with an Ethiopian man named Belay and his son and daughter, who were on the run from his wife's family. Belay and his family were Muslim, but Belay had converted to Christianity after coming to Kenya as a refugee.

His in-laws would have none of this, so they kidnapped the wife and children, forced Belay to sign divorce papers, and

made several attempts on his life. After two years the children escaped and found their father, keeping one step ahead of the in-laws. Their lives are under constant threat, but the children stick with their father, Haddock says. IJM has been working with the United Nations to secure safe lodging for the family.

Haddock asked the children why they would put themselves in a situation where they would suffer for their father's faith. "They told me that they loved their father and wanted to live in freedom," Haddock says. "I was simply in awe of these people."

Experiences like these touch Haddock at his core.

"It is such a privilege to be brought to a place where the people are no longer representatives of some category — a sex-trafficking victim, a prostitute, a torture victim or someone who lives in some horrible circumstance," he says. "They become a person with a face, with emotions, a unique personality and dreams — an irreplaceable individual created in God's image, a person bearing incredible dignity. I realize then that this one is my brother, my sister, my mother, my friend." ●

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**\* Some names of victims have been changed to protect both their identities and IJM's ongoing casework.**

*Top left: IJM works with local officials to document the distribution of rehabilitation funds for those released from slavery in the Annavaram quarry. Above: Indian children in Tamil Nadu wait cheerfully to meet with IJM investigators for follow-up documentation regarding their bonded slavery cases. Savitha (right, in red sari) and Nathiya (center) are cousins. Opposite: In Bombay, two girls rescued during a brothel raid huddle against the wall as they wait to leave the brothel.*



# A Defining Experience

A RECENT GRADUATE REFLECTS ON HER UNORTHODOX YET ALL-ENCOMPASSING FURMAN EDUCATION — AND THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE IT HAPPEN.

By Anna King

*"At Furman, an education is not complete until students have become involved in learning outside the classroom, as well as within."*

— Barron's Best Buys in College Education

**O**ne person in particular was responsible for my decision to attend Furman.

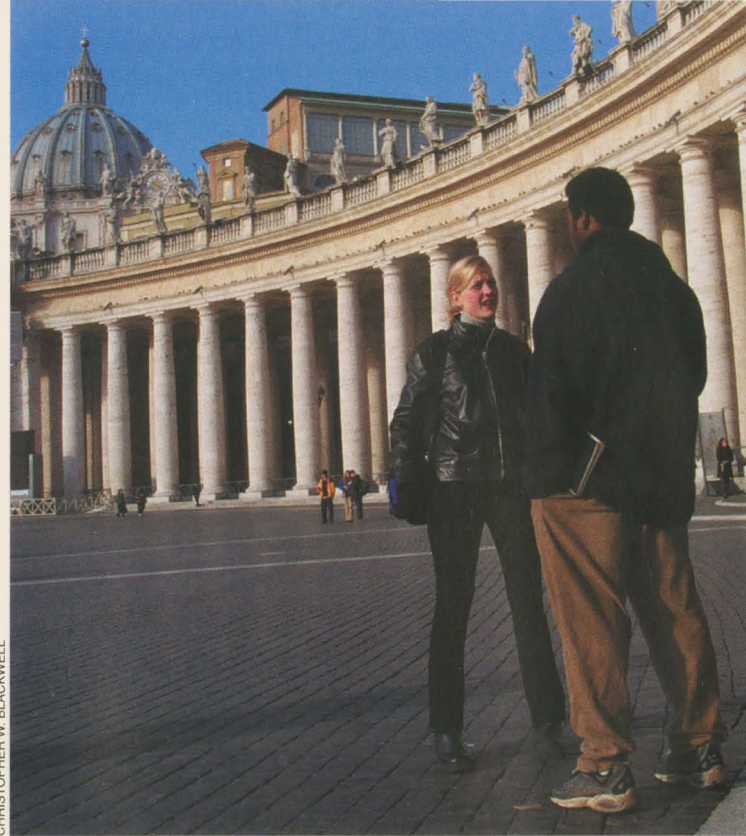
I was planning to attend another South Carolina school before visiting Furman during spring break of my senior year (1998), but it took only a visit to one psychology class, taught by a certain professor with a famous last name, for me to change my mind. Later, on the first day of general psychology, this frightened, befuddled freshman knew that she was in the right place when the same professor remembered my name and hometown and asked about my brother.

I opted for a lush, landscaped campus, but what I found at Furman was much more than a beautiful setting. I discovered the people.

Once I was settled at Furman, the best decision I made was to major in political science (thanks anyway, Gil Einstein) and to take full advantage of the engaged learning opportunities Furman has to offer. The Christian A. Johnson Center for Engaged Learning and its cohort of Dean Charles Brock and professors Glen Halva-Neubauer and Judy Bainbridge were instrumental in helping me coordinate a mishmash of internships and travel-study programs that spanned the globe. My journeys may appear random and disjointed — I worked for a criminal defense lawyer, a senator, a Canadian cabinet minister, an international law firm and a landmine clearance organization — but upon closer inspection, a unifying thread weaves them together.

**A** Rotary International scholarship enabled me to study at the International Summer School in Oslo, Norway, after my sophomore year, and sharpened the focus of my college studies and activities. The following winter term, I traveled with a group of Furman students and professors to Mediterranean countries, where we studied ancient civilizations.

In many ways, though, the summer after my junior year was



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fundamental in shaping my future goals. The innovative mind of Glen Halva-Neubauer and a generous grant from the Bowater Corporation helped me arrange to spend five weeks working with Canada's Secretary of State to Africa and Latin America — the Hon. David Kilgour.

Kilgour is not your typical politician. He has served Canadians for 22 years, not by promoting himself but by putting his constituents first. He personally ensured that letters and phone calls were answered ahead of speeches, conferences or other concerns, and his staff members strongly reflected his commitment to public service.

One specific circumstance comes to mind. A Latin American refugee arrived in Canada in the middle of winter. Her meager belongings had been stolen; she had no place to stay and spoke no English. Kilgour and his chief of staff heard of the woman's plight and exhausted all resources to help. The chief of staff went so far as to invite the woman to live in his home with his family — where she still resides. Such examples helped renew my faith in politicians and their ability to make a difference in people's lives.

When my internship in Canada ended, I returned to my home state of Georgia for the rest of the summer, thanks to the Herman N. Hipp internship program and one special guy. Randy Eaddy, a Furman trustee and alumnus (Class of '76) extraordinaire, routinely opens the doors of his Atlanta firm, Kilpatrick Stockton, to Furman students. Mr. "E" often had papers piled high on his desk, but he always made time to discuss interesting cases or to reminisce fondly about his alma mater. He also introduced me to Debbie Segal.

Debbie is the first full-time pro bono counsel hired by a Georgia law firm. According to *Atlanta Magazine* (March 2002), which featured an article about Debbie, "Last year, the dollar value of legal services provided to pro bono clients at Kilpatrick Stockton was an impressive \$3.7 million. That translates into just under 18,000 hours of work." I spent the majority of my internship learning from Debbie.

A remarkable role model and mentor, she asked me to work



with a team of associates on a project called the “Pigford Cases.” For years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture had been discriminating against African-American farmers in the South by denying them loans. A lawyer in Washington, D.C., decided to do something about it, and eventually so many farmers filed lawsuits that the lawyer’s firm could no longer handle the caseload.

Debbie agreed to coordinate a group to facilitate the appeals process for farmers working toward settlements of \$50,000 and more. Twenty-five attorneys took time to travel to the small town of Douglas, in southeastern Georgia, and help nearly 50 farmers appeal their cases — for free. Afterward, Debbie and I spent hours combing through courthouse files, finding crucial evidence to support our cases. *Very Erin Brockovich*; very powerful in demonstrating how versatile a law degree can be.

Debbie is a quintessential example of an intern-turned-attorney. Her career choice hinged on a college internship with Legal Aid, where she realized that she could do so much more with a law degree under her belt. And, like David Kilgour, she exemplifies someone who does not have to be there for others, but chooses to be.

During winter term 2002, with the help of a Herman N. Hipp internship and a John I. Smith scholarship, I was fortunate to travel to England as an intern with Adopt-A-Minefield, which works to publicize the global landmine crisis. The London-based charity raises funds for mine clearance in six countries. During my internship we were able to help families in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Mozambique return safely to their homes and livelihoods.

Much to my parents’ relief, I was not digging landmines out of the ground. Instead, I helped coordinate fund-raising events, including a sponsorship with the London Marathon and a black-tie gala that raised almost \$100,000 in one evening. (It costs roughly \$2 to clear one square foot of mine-infested land.) In addition, I worked on a redesign of Adopt-A-Minefield’s Web site ([www.landmines.org.uk](http://www.landmines.org.uk)), developed promotional materials, and helped create a PowerPoint presentation to use in classrooms and corporate settings.

My work with Adopt-A-Minefield helped me narrow the scope of my aspirations. Besides gaining valuable experience, I realized that London is where I want to pursue my graduate studies. Next fall, I will enroll in the London School of Economics to undertake a master’s degree in international relations.

**B**elieve it or not, despite all my time overseas, I actually did take courses at Furman — courses that broadened my understanding of both national and international politics. Whether it was Michael Bressler’s class on international relations or Don Gordon’s seminar on African democratization, my coursework related directly to my internships. I was honored when, during my senior year, Gordon asked me to be his teaching assistant and to help coordinate Furman’s “Women and Politics” series. The first and only female Canadian prime minister, Kim Campbell, was our inaugural speaker, and Madeleine Albright, the former Secretary of State, headlined the spring series. Meeting such impressive women inspired me to strive to shatter a glass ceiling of my own someday.

For now, I’m using my one-year grace period before graduate school to save money and to spend time with my family and friends

in Columbus, Ga. I’m enjoying other kinds of engaged learning opportunities by waiting tables and working in an outdoors store as its first female fly-fishing salesperson (OK, so I’m breaking barriers on a small scale). Columbus is the antithesis of London, but I’m having fun and slowing down a couple of paces before I rev up again for the London School of Economics.

When my graduation day arrived June 1, my brother seemed astonished. Teasingly he questioned, “How did you make it in only four years when you spent most of your college career away from your college?” My friends shared similar sentiments. They often joked that my major was study abroad, and it’s true that my Furman experience was unorthodox. It was, however, a prime example of what an all-encompassing Furman education offers and of how it extends out from the classroom and into the world.

Sir Isaac Newton once wrote to a friend, “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.” I certainly feel the same is true in my life. The so-called “engaged learning experience” is real, not just flashy buzzwords that Furman touts on its Web site.

Furman engaged my aspirations and allowed me to transform internships and international trips into meaningful life goals. However, more than reflecting on the cathedrals I visited, the banquets I attended and the dignitaries I met, I will most poignantly remember the people who influenced me in so many ways and who provided the means to make my ventures possible.

My professors, friends and mentors have shown me what kind of person I want to become. Their commitment to improving the quality of others’ lives is remarkable — and contagious. Countless times, I witnessed their compassion, enthusiasm and dedication. I hope to emulate these qualities.

I am forever grateful for those who so profoundly impacted my time at Furman and beyond. Those people — my “Giants” — will continue to inspire and fuel my passions. ●

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*Anna King’s travels during her Furman days took her all over the world. Opposite: With Shelvis Smith ’02 in St. Peter’s Square in Rome during a winter term 2001 study abroad trip to the Mediterranean. Above: Anna gets a warm greeting from Jean Chretien, the Canadian prime minister, during a party in June, 2001. Secret service agents hover in the background.*



# Furmanreports

## Homecoming 2002 crowds bask in exceptional weather, good times

**B**ecause the fall season began with a succession of heavy downpours and generally wet, dreary days, Greenville was due for some nice weather by the middle of October.

And there wasn't a better time to serve it up than Homecoming Weekend, October 18-20, as Furman celebrated reunions for classes ending with the numbers 2 and 7. As always, Saturday (the 19th) was the centerpiece for the festivities, and a near capacity crowd was on hand for the traditional Lunch on the Lawn at Cherrydale.

Folks seemed undeterred that the football game didn't start until 3:30, or an hour and a half later than usual (to accommodate television). Instead, they hung out in the balmy, 68-degree weather, toured the Alumni House, engaged in animated chatter and basically had a grand time. Their good cheer carried over to Paladin Stadium, where Furman took control early in the game against arch-rival The Citadel and rolled to a 37-10 victory.

Afterward, alumni headed to downtown Greenville for reunion dinners and the annual block party that has been a popular recent addition to Homecoming. Not to be outdone, the students — yes, Homecoming is for students, too — enjoyed their own dance at the Palmetto Expo Center, conveniently located off of Highway 291 just behind Krispy Kreme, a longtime, late-night Furman hangout.

The weekend clearly inspired good times and good memories among those who attended. As Ed Bridges of the Class of '67 commented, "It was a remarkable weekend. The sense of a shared bond came back immediately, and the warmth of our time together was as happy as anything I've experienced in a long time."

Homecoming also always offers Furman a chance to give special recognition to some of its own, and this year was no exception.

Lucius H. Weeks '54 of Pompano Beach, Fla., a leader in the banking industry in both South Carolina and Florida, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for his career success and civic contributions. Weeks was for years associated with South Carolina National Bank in Greenwood before moving to Florida, where he became president and chief executive officer of Landmark First National Bank in Fort Lauderdale. He retired from Landmark in 1985.

Aside from his work in the banking industry, Weeks is well known for his contributions to civic life, as he has spearheaded community and charitable programs wherever he has lived. At Furman, he is a lifetime member of the Advisory Council and is the founder of the Order of the Paladin, which encourages individuals to become major scholarship donors to the Paladin Club. With George Short, he also established the Selvy-Floyd Basketball Scholarship. In September, he was inducted into the Furman Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was presented to J. Todd White '88, director of the South Carolina Teacher Advancement Program and a former state and national award-winning principal in the Greenville County School District. Supported by the state Department of Education and the Milken Family Foundation, the program which he heads is designed to improve teacher quality and increase student achievement in South Carolina.

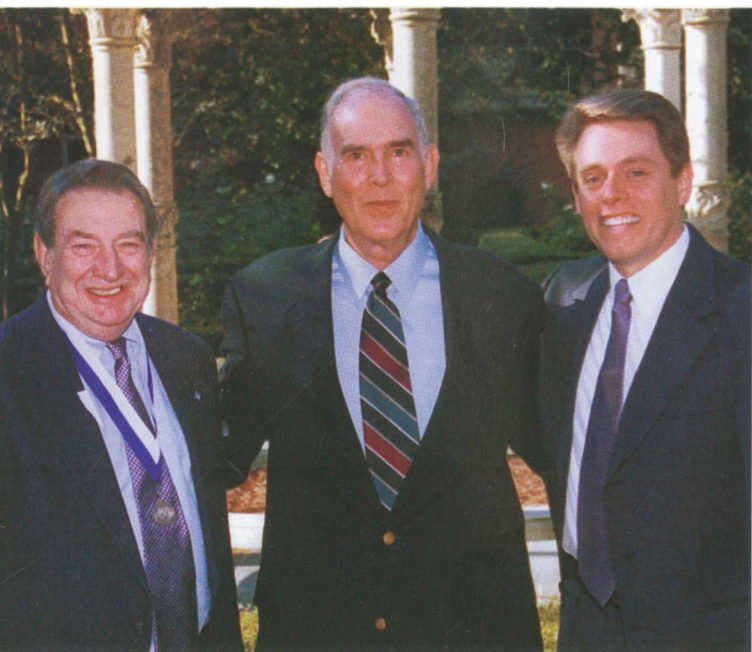
While principal at Mitchell Road Elementary School, White was named South Carolina Principal of the Year and was a winner of the Milken Foundation's National Outstanding Educator award. Furman cited his "enthusiasm as an educator, his love for children and his unwavering efforts to improve the schools of the state" in presenting his award.

John Laney Plyler, Jr. '56 of Davidson, N.C., son of the longest serving Furman president (John L. Plyler, 1939-1964), received the Alumni Service Award for his loyalty to Furman, his knowledge of university history and his gifts of time, talent and resources.

Plyler, who enjoyed a long and distinguished career in health and hospital administration before retiring in 1996 as senior vice president of SunHealth, Inc., has been a class agent and a member of the Advisory Council and the Alumni Association Board of Directors. A key contributor to the planning committee for the university's 175th anniversary activities, he has established scholarships named for his mother, Beatrice D. Plyler, and for his late son, James Williams Plyler II.

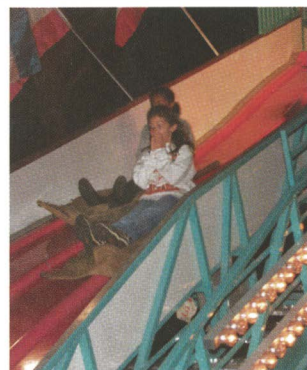
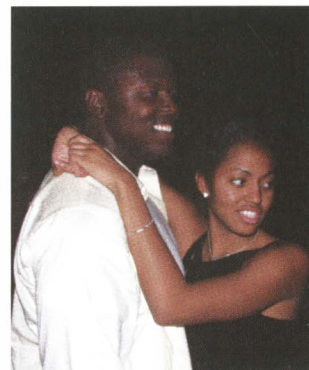
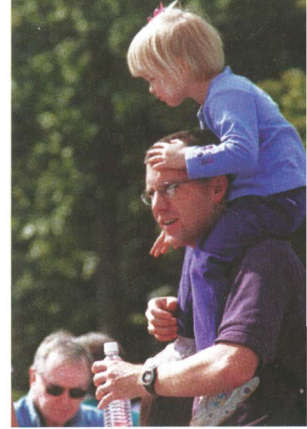
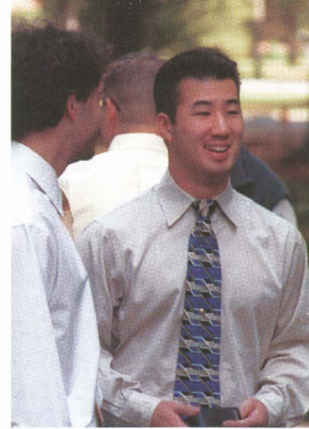
In addition, the university introduced a new award this year. The Wayne and Rubye Reid Award recognizes alumni who have provided significant career assistance to Furman students. It is named for a 1968 Furman alumnus and his wife, both of whom have touched the lives of countless alumni by assisting them in establishing and developing their careers.

The late William R. Axmann '59 was named the first recipient of the Reid Award. Axmann, who died in May, was an enthusiastic university supporter who each year recruited Furman students on behalf of his employer, Milliken and Company. He also participated in Furman's annual Career Fair and was active in the university's "mock interview" program to help students prepare for the real world. His wife, Martha, accepted the award.



**Recipients of the major alumni awards were, from left, Lucius Weeks '54, Distinguished Alumni Award; John L. Plyler, Jr. '56, Alumni Service Award; and J. Todd White '88, Outstanding Young Alumni Award.**





*Homecoming collage: Folks who came for Friday night's Carnival on the Mall enjoyed its variety of offerings. Students didn't spend all their time playing, though, as the floats (except for one that collapsed) were completed and on display as Saturday dawned. The traditional Lunch on the Lawn at Cherrydale attracted a large gathering, some of whom stopped off to watch the rugby teams in action on the nearby football practice fields. After the football game, most alumni gathered at the Hyatt Regency downtown, while students went to the Palmetto Expo Center for their Homecoming dance. (Photos by Charlie Register and Sarah Brown '03)*



# Meritorious professors: Teaching, Advising

## Tessitore makes political philosophy accessible, intriguing

Ask most outstanding professors why they chose a career in higher education and you're likely to get the same response: A teacher inspired them.

### Aristide (Ty) Tessitore of

Furman's political science department says he had two such mentors during his undergraduate days at Assumption College: philosophy professor Ernest Fortin and language professor Denys Gonthier.

Tessitore, a recipient of the 2002 **Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching**, says, "Fortin could speak about complex matters with remarkable clarity and humor. Gonthier was something of a mystic who excelled outside the classroom. He often invited students for walks and hikes. I strive for the clarity of Ernest and the availability of Denys."

Both men were also Catholic priests — and further inspired Tessitore to follow in their footsteps. He became a priest in 1982.

Tessitore, who holds a Master of Divinity degree from Weston School of Theology in Boston and a Ph.D. in political science from Boston College, returned to his alma mater to teach in 1984. And his star seemed to be on the rise at Assumption when his life took a different turn: he decided to leave the priesthood.

He realized, he says, that remaining a priest would have eventually taken him away from teaching, which was his passion. And Tessitore adds that the priesthood would ultimately have been unhealthy for him. "I continue to hold the priesthood in high regard," he says. "Leaving was like going through a divorce. It was very painful, but I have no regrets."

With the watershed decision behind him, he began looking for a fresh start. He joined the Furman faculty in 1992 and quickly became known as a meticulous lecturer, effective communicator and good listener. In his first year, he won the award for teaching excellence from the Association of Furman Students.

Students say he has a knack for making the writings of Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, Locke and de Tocqueville come alive. "His primary concern is not passing a test, but to digest, understand and apply the material," says a student who nominated him for the teaching award. "Political thought does not remain at arm's length."

Tessitore says, "Students often come in with fear and trembling, but they soon discover that this is interesting stuff. These authors cause them to think about their beliefs. Political philosophy invites you to examine the fundamental principles upon which you base your life. It is both intimidating and liberating."

But making a class in ancient political thought exciting to a 19-year-old isn't easy, and students happening by Tessitore's office often see him pacing or reading aloud at a lectern. They believe he's practicing his lectures.

He finds humor in this false assumption. "I have a bad back, so I sometimes write standing up," he says. "When tired, I do pace and read out loud. It helps me stay awake."

Tessitore is spending this academic year in Indianapolis, Ind., as a scholar-in-residence at the Liberty Fund, a private educational foundation. He will return to Furman in August.

— John Roberts



## In Henderson, students discover reliable sounding board

In Scott Henderson's gleaming new office in Herman N. Hipp Hall sits a piece of wood, two feet in length, sanded and smooth with a glossy finish. Meticulously burned into the wood are the letters "H-e-n-d-e-r-s-o-n".



It stands out like a rusty old pick-up in a sea of BMW Roadsters.

The story behind it: When Henderson was a first-year history teacher at an impoverished junior high school in eastern Virginia, he had no classroom. Instead, he traveled from room to room each period, pushing a metal cart that contained everything he would need for class, from textbooks and papers to office supplies.

As he struggled to teach under these circumstances, Henderson often wondered if his students were listening, much less learning.

During the final week of class, John Nixon, a shy seventh-grader, approached Henderson in the hall and handed him the piece of wood. "He said, 'This is a license plate for your cart,'" says Henderson. "It was the result of a nine-week-long shop project."

Henderson suddenly realized that he had made a difference, at least in one boy's life. And today, 16 years later, the student's gift sits on the windowsill in Henderson's office, serving as a daily reminder of the impact a teacher can have.

"I can't witness any more than that wood can," says Henderson, an assistant professor of education and a recipient of the 2002 **Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Advising**.

Known for his boundless energy and sympathetic ear, Henderson works with Furman students from many different disciplines. Some are struggling to choose a major. Others are having academic or personal problems. In Henderson, they find a reliable sounding board.

"I spend a lot of time listening. I think everyone should take a course on listening," he says. "Everyone has a story, and you need to know what that story is before you can give out any advice."

Through listening and asking the right questions, Henderson helps students find their own answers. Says one student who nominated Henderson for the advising award, "I'm rarely comfortable showing weakness and sadness, but I was comfortable in Dr. Henderson's office because my stresses and worries were never annoyances. He cared and always offered encouraging words. His advice was never cliché, run-of-the-mill or elusive, but warm, intelligent and useful. I always left his office with a lighter step than when I entered."

As the coordinator of secondary education at Furman, Henderson supervises Furman's teaching interns at local middle and high schools. A Truman Scholar during his undergraduate days at Florida State, he also spends many hours assisting students applying for the Truman and other national scholarships.

In addition, Henderson has published two books in the last two years — a biography of urban planner and civil rights activist Charles Abrams, and the memoirs (which Henderson edited) of Joseph C. Swidler, a New Deal reformer and public servant who helped shape the nation's energy policy.

— John Roberts



# ing award recipients for 2002

## Oakes stands out for commitment to students' needs

The scene: Paladin Stadium. The event: Commencement 2002.

As the proceedings began, **Margaret Oakes**, assistant professor of English, was lamenting the close of another school year.

"Graduation always seems to be such a letdown," she says, recounting her conversation with a colleague. "You may or may not see your seniors one last time, and everyone disperses at the end of the ceremony, including the faculty. I always feel a bit depleted and depressed at the end of the year."

Moments later, though, Oakes' mood altered considerably when Dean A.V. Huff, Jr., called her to the platform to accept the **Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Advising**. "Suddenly," she says, "the evening wasn't such a letdown anymore."

The honor validated a decision Oakes made more than a decade ago when, after four years as a securities lawyer in Chicago, she resigned from her firm and enrolled in the English Ph.D. program at Stanford University. After studying and teaching at Stanford for six years, the Renaissance scholar joined the Furman English department in 1996 — and quickly drew raves from students for her listening skills, cheerful personality, caring nature and ability to guide them through the Furman academic system.

Senior Erin Matthews says, "She is an encourager, a friend and an inspiration. All of her advisees adore her and walk out of her office encouraged and ready to tackle whatever obstacles life holds for them."

For Oakes, advising is, quite simply, fun. "I enjoy getting to know students outside of class," she says. "Some want to talk all the time; some might never stop by; others will come in when they feel the need. You just read their needs and go from there."

An alumna of the University of Illinois, which has an undergraduate enrollment of close to 30,000, Oakes admits to going through a bout of culture shock when she arrived at Furman, with 2,600 students. But her adjustment period turned out to be brief, and she has become a role model for Furman's personal approach to academic advising.

And while her goal is to help students learn to make their own decisions, she's not above offering pointed advice when necessary.

"I don't mind telling someone, 'Grad school wouldn't work for you'," she says. "Other times I hand them tissues and let them talk. I'll even get mad sometimes. But you can't 'not deal' with them. The key is that you're prepared to handle anything, and that you don't get embarrassed or flustered."

Judging from the large number of students requesting Oakes as an advisor, she knows what she's doing. As senior Emily Ball says, "My relationship with Dr. Oakes has become one of the most positive aspects of my Furman experience. She has been invaluable in helping me assimilate into life at Furman and has encouraged me to think about my future. Without telling me what to think, she has challenged me to make wise choices . . . She is the paradigm example of an advisor, a professor and a friend."

— Jim Stewart



## Passion, forthrightness hallmarks of Julian's classroom style

Once the cheers had died down after the announcement that English professor **Linda Julian** was a winner of the 2002 **Alester G. Furman, Jr., and Janie Earle Furman Award for Meritorious Teaching**, the almost universal question seemed to be: What took Furman so long?

In her 22 years at Furman, Julian has earned widespread admiration on campus for her breadth of knowledge, classroom skills, patience and support for students. Although she is considered a demanding instructor, students clamor for spots in her classes because of her dedication to teaching and her passion for composition and literature, especially that of the Victorian era.

Her classes feed off her energy when she tells them to "Put up your feet and enjoy this great stuff," or "Your homework is to curl up with a good book and read for hours. What greater pleasure is there in the world?" And to this day, when Charles Dickens' name is mentioned, Julian disciples are likely to respond with the professor's oft-repeated mantra: "Dickens is the greatest writer that ever lived."

Julian, who holds a bachelor's degree (in German) and master's (in English) from Clemson University and a doctorate from Boston University, came to Furman on a part-time basis in 1980, about the time *Workbook for Writers*, a book she co-authored, was published. Soon, she was awarded a full-time contract.

Furman students have reaped the benefits of her talents ever since. In particular, she seems to have an affinity for first-year composition students. "All of them come in terrified," Julian says, "so I just try to lead them along without pushing them over the edge. And it's great fun to see how their writing improves. I enjoy teaching freshman composition more than anything else."

Because of her journalism background — she wrote and edited for *The Greenville News* before and during her college days — Julian was a natural to advise *The Paladin*, the student newspaper, which she did for many years before stepping down last spring. Former editor Stacy Schorr '99, a journalist in Washington, D.C., says that lessons learned under Julian apply both within and beyond the classroom walls: "She is a teacher not only of theory and ideals, but of practical application and real-world skills."

Students also appreciate her honesty and forthrightness. Julian has struggled with her health in recent years, and she missed fall term this year because of a recurrence of a rare cancer. Says Danielle Logan '02, another former *Paladin* editor, "She was very open about her problems, but she never allowed her illnesses to interfere with her teaching. She is constantly upbeat and cheerful."

Julian, who expects to return to the classroom winter term, says, "I don't think anyone should be reluctant to let students know what's going on in their lives. For one thing, it might encourage someone else to go for treatment. I think truth is the best policy, and besides, I felt I needed to give some explanation as to why I might not be at my best."

The general consensus, though, is that Linda Julian is one professor who is always at her best.

— Jim Stewart





## Book buzz

Singleton's latest short-story collection garnering attention, accolades

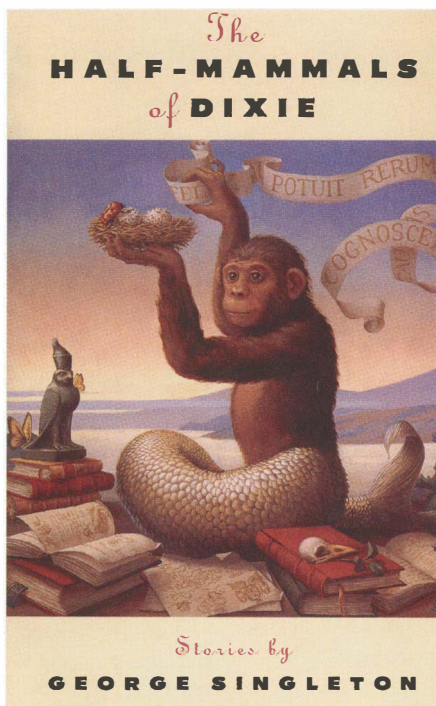
Earlier this year, *Book* magazine featured George Singleton as one of America's up-and-coming writers. In August 2001, National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" profiled him in its "Artists of the New South" series.

And his second collection of short stories, *The Half-Mammals of Dixie*, was so eagerly anticipated that its publisher, Algonquin, ordered a second printing before the book was even released late this summer.

The word is buzz, and Singleton is generating plenty of it. This fall, he embarked on a 30-city tour to promote *Half-Mammals* and Harcourt's paperback release of his first book, *These People Are Us*, published originally in 2001.

Singleton, a 1980 Furman graduate who teaches creative writing at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville, is not exactly a newcomer to the literary landscape. He's been around for a while, winning regional awards and publishing in a variety of "year's best" collections and noteworthy journals, ranging from *The Georgia Review* and *Atlantic Monthly* to *Playboy* and *Harper's*.

But the stories in *Half-Mammals*, punctuated with all the Singleton trademarks — quirky characters, bizarrely



humorous situations and a decidedly off-center (and yet dead-on accurate) view of life and living — have ratcheted up the attention. And who wouldn't be intrigued by a story titled "Richard Petty Accepts National Book Award," or by a protagonist

whose claim to fame is starring in a film about head lice?

*Book* magazine awards *Half-Mammals* 4.5 stars (out of 5) and says, "Character is at the heart of Singleton's work, and the people who live in his stories reflect his affection for the seldom-examined corners of modern America."

*Booklist* says, "To some readers, the mere threat of 15 stories about lovable Southern eccentrics is enough to prompt a quick retreat north. Fortunately, Singleton's quick wit, keen intelligence, and empathy for his characters mean we can issue an 'all clear' rather than a hurricane warning. . . . This fine collection reveals an author who, despite his penchant for evolution, has a gift for the act of creation."

Gilbert Allen, the Furman English professor who is no stranger to award-winning prose (see page 29), says of his friend and former student, "In my judgment, George is one of the funniest short-story writers in America. I particularly enjoy his ability to combine hilarious entertainment with social satire that somehow manages to be both wicked and humane."

And while it's a year or two away from publication, Singleton has already put together a third collection of stories — with a fourth in the works.

## '76 grads earning high praise for their faith-informed fiction

Robert E. Whitlow and Gary E. Parker, both members of Furman's Class of '76, continue to make their marks in the world of religious fiction.

Whitlow's third novel in the last three years, *The Sacrifice* (W Publishing Group), was released this spring, following on the heels of his 2001 Christy Award-winning work, *The Trial*. The Christy Awards recognize "Christian novels of exceptional quality and impact."

An attorney in Charlotte, N.C., Whitlow has found an avid audience with his suspenseful legal thrillers. *Publishers Weekly* has taken a shine to his work, describing *The Sacrifice* as "an excellent novel" in which Whitlow "makes a solid case for positioning himself as the John Grisham of the Christian market."

*The Sacrifice*, set near Charlotte, tells the story of attorney Scott Ellis, who agrees to defend a teen-age racist charged in a

local shooting. As Ellis works on his defense, he is drawn into advising a mock trial team at the local high school. There he rekindles an old flame — and discovers even darker forces at work.

While praising Whitlow's "dry humor" and strong sense of character development, *Publishers Weekly* says readers attracted by the book's spiritual message "will appreciate the recurrent motifs of the power of prayer and the social cost of absent parents and fragmented families."

The prolific Parker, senior minister at First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., has published a novel a year since 1994. He wrote about the growth in popularity of faith-informed fiction in an article titled "Holy Ink" in the Fall 1999 issue of *Furman*, in which he said, "From whatever their perspective, be it Baptist, Catholic, Jewish or other, those whose writings are faith-informed inevitably hope their readers

become more open to the God they have trusted as real and relevant to life."

His latest book, *Highland Mercies*, was published this summer by Bethany House. The second volume in a series called the "Blue Ridge Legacy," *Highland Mercies* is the follow-up to *Highland Hopes*, a 2002 Christy Award nominee. It continues the story of Abigail Porter Waterbury and takes her through the Depression, recounting her struggles with motherhood, the collapse of her husband's law practice and the demons haunting her brother Daniel.

*Rendezvous* says that the book "brilliantly portrays the Great Depression era," and the publisher says that the author "renders a portrait of a distinctive era through hard-to-forget characters." The third and final installment in the Blue Ridge Legacy series is scheduled for release next year.



# BOOK MARKS

Each issue of *Furman* magazine includes brief reviews of books written by Furman faculty and alumni, as well as reviews of books recommended by faculty and staff as "good reads."

## RECOMMENDED

John Henry Newman, *Apologia pro vita sua* (Penguin Classics edition, 1995). Newman began his career as an Anglican churchman and scholar and ended it as a Roman Catholic cardinal. He converted from the Anglican to the Catholic faith in 1845, to the perplexity of his friends in the Oxford Movement — and much of the English nation. About 20 years later he wrote this account of his conversion, in which he describes the painful and humbling process of reconsidering his passionately held beliefs. For him the process involved both reasoning through evidence gleaned from reading and study and a deeper, mysterious internal process that moved him to "a different place." In a culture in which the experience of religious conversion figures prominently, Newman's thoughtful, well-written story is of interest.

— Carolyn Watson, Art

J.M. Adovasio with Jake Page, *The First Americans: In Pursuit of Archaeology's Greatest Mystery* (Random House, 2002). Not so long ago, everyone knew that the first Americans were the Clovis (point) mammoth-hunters of 11,000 years ago. So when, in 1974, James Adovasio found 15,000-year-old artifacts in a Pennsylvania rockshelter, professional skeptics began spinning ever more elaborate "explanations" of why his dates must be wrong. These days, following the discovery of other pre-Clovis sites in Virginia, South Carolina and Chile, the whole story of these first Americans (evidently not big game-hunters) is under reconstruction. This book, without pulling any punches, offers a clear and lively account of past and current views of Ice Age America and its people.

— Brian Siegel, Sociology/Anthropology

Isadora Tattlin, *Cuba Diaries: An American Housewife in Havana* (Algonquin, 2002). Isadora Tattlin (a pseudonym) is an American married to a diplomat who recently completed an assignment in Cuba. In this book Tattlin recounts her family's four years there. She writes both entertainingly and informatively about experiences ranging from throwing a dinner party for Castro to wanting to throw a tantrum when friends from the United States forget to bring her the Ziploc bags she had requested. Anyone interested in our neighbor 90 miles to the south will find this book valuable for its insights into the political, economic, social, religious and artistic climate there.

— Willard Pate, English

Brian Greene, *The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory* (Random House, 1999). Describing the physical laws of the universe is no easy task. To make such a narrative entertaining is even more difficult. That, however, is exactly what the author has done. Greene, a Rhodes Scholar who teaches at Columbia University, assumes that the reader knows little about basic physics. Using simple, concrete examples, he explains complex topics such as Newtonian mechanics, the general theory of relativity and quantum mechanics in a clear, concise manner. His specialty is "superstring" theory, the idea that all the matter and forces in the universe are the result of extraordinarily small, vibrating strings. This theory, in turn, supports the seemingly fantastic notion that the universe is made up of 11 dimensions. Anyone interested in gaining a better understanding of time, space and the laws that regulate those two phenomena should read this book.

— Scott Henderson, Education

Lady Antonia Fraser, *Marie Antoinette: The Journey* (Nan Talese/Doubleday, 2001). Fraser, author of acclaimed works on the wives of Henry VIII, Mary Queen of Scots and Oliver Cromwell, has ventured from her traditional English subjects to publish a magisterial biography of Marie Antoinette. As portrayed by Fraser, the Austrian-born queen is a sympathetic character who proved to be a pawn throughout her life. She served political purposes in her marriage to the future Louis XVI of France, and in her death she became a despised scapegoat of the Old Regime in France. Her life in between was filled with great privilege, high drama and tragedy. "Out of her league" as France's troubles mounted, Marie Antoinette was unable to cope with the intrigues of the French Court and never fully understood the cataclysmic nature of the French Revolution. Courageous to the end, she is seen by Fraser as possessing both humility and courage.

— Marian Strobel, History

## FROM ALUMNI

Lucinda Secrest McDowell '74 (compiler), *A Southern-Style Christmas* (Harold Shaw Publishers, 2000). This elegantly designed book features holiday reflections, recipes, poems and stories from such well-known Southern authors and personalities as Jan Karon, Ruth Bell Graham, Anne Rivers Siddons and Celestine Sibley, as well as McDowell herself. A native of Georgia who now lives in Connecticut, McDowell is the author of four books. She is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and runs an inspirational ministry, Encouraging Words. Visit her Web site at [www.encouragingwords.net](http://www.encouragingwords.net).

Janet Walker McDaniel '74, *By Train at Night* (Henri Butler Press, 2002). According to the publisher, this book of 16 short stories set in the Southeast features characters that "grapple with some of life's most urgent problems . . . the loss of a child, difficult relationships, psychological stress, pure terror." One reviewer describes the stories as both "edgy" and "poignant." The author, who lives in Georgia, is a reviewer for *Midwest Book Review*, webmaster for a family of writing-related Web sites, and the publicist for *WriterAdvice*, a California-based newsletter.

## FROM FACULTY

Amy Hackney Blackwell and Christopher W. Blackwell, *Mythology for Dummies* (John Wiley & Sons, 2002). Blackwell, a Furman classics professor, has joined with his wife to write a book that makes the study of mythology more accessible to the average reader. As part of the best-selling "Dummies" series, this book is written with a light and humorous touch — but with a serious intent. It appeals, according to the publisher, to an audience ranging from "novices who want to dabble in the subject all the way to academicians who study mythology for a living." Christopher Blackwell, who joined the faculty in 1996, is the author of *The Absence of Alexander: Harpalus and the Failure of Macedonian Authority*. He is also the developer of an educational software program that allows students of Greek to practice vocabulary and grammatical forms. Amy Blackwell, who works as a freelance writer, has degrees in Medieval and Renaissance history from Duke and Vanderbilt universities, and a law degree from the University of Virginia.

C. Danielle Vinson, David Paletz (editor), *Local Media Coverage of Congress and Its Members: Through Local Eyes* (Hampton Press, 2002). What do local media report about Congress and its members? The answer: it depends. Vinson, a Furman political science professor and 1989 alumna, analyzes coverage of Congress in various markets and discusses the extent to which congressional reporting meets the needs of congressional members and their constituents. She discovers that local coverage varies widely across media markets and types of media, but in predictable ways. The amount of coverage, the substantive content, and how favorable or unfavorable it is can be explained to varying degrees by market/district congruence (the fit between media markets and congressional districts), characteristics of different types of media (weekly and daily newspapers and television), and the relationships between members of Congress and reporters. The book also examines how the media act as watchdogs over government and as links between members of Congress and their constituents.



## A healing message *September 11 attacks remembered at school year's opening convocation*

**W**erner Krättschell, a prominent Lutheran minister from Germany, brought his message of peace and reconciliation to Furman at the opening convocation of the 2002-2003 academic year — held on September 11.

Krättschell, who is Superintendent of the Army Chaplaincy Program in the New Provinces of Germany, was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree for his years of devotion to the cause of peaceful co-existence. While the former East Germany was under Communist control, he worked successfully to keep the lines of communication open between dissidents and the ruling regime. In 1982, Coventry Cathedral in Great Britain named him a Companion of the Order of the Cross of Nails, an honor bestowed upon those who are “devoted to the pursuit of peace and reconciliation.”

When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, he played a prominent role in the country's orderly transition to a new form of government. He is now involved in a new task: bringing together the traditionally non-religious German military and the traditionally anti-military church of the former East Germany.

In his remarks, Krättschell pointed out that, because of the terrorist attacks, people throughout the world have been “shattered”



on several levels. For one thing, he said, we can no longer believe that our physical security systems can protect us.

“But even more serious,” he said, “is the loss of our inner security, which existed because we believed that our system of values and norms had such a power of conviction that it would automatically be able to convince people of other cultures of its validity and would lead to a worldwide codex of reason, tolerance and ethics, to which everyone in the world would subscribe.”

Krättschell also told the audience that repaying violence with violence often leads to even more disastrous consequences, and he used the biblical story of Cain and Abel to illustrate his point. He said that while the story is about murder and its consequences, it is also about how God allowed the murderous Cain to live.

“The dark, killing side of human beings does exist,” he said. “We must use all of our strength to resist this dark, killing side, regardless of its motivation. For this there must be the ethical impulse of the unconditional protection of life, but there must also be highly specialized people and systems to resist the dark and killing instincts. The so-called belief in human goodness and every form of naiveté are wrong and possibly fatal.

“But this effort must be carried out in such a way that the person being fought against is allowed to live and has the chance to alter his way of life, that Saul can become Paul, that the fanatic can become a friend of the weak and innocent, and that the murderer can try to atone for his deeds. The tension between decisive clarity and hopeful patience may seem paradoxical, but the mental atmosphere of newness in

a changed world must result from this tension.

“When we ask, therefore, how we as individuals and as a community of mankind can continue, the answer must include the installation of doors — doors for the development of new values and norms through which the powers of God's word can enter our world to help, heal and reconcile.”

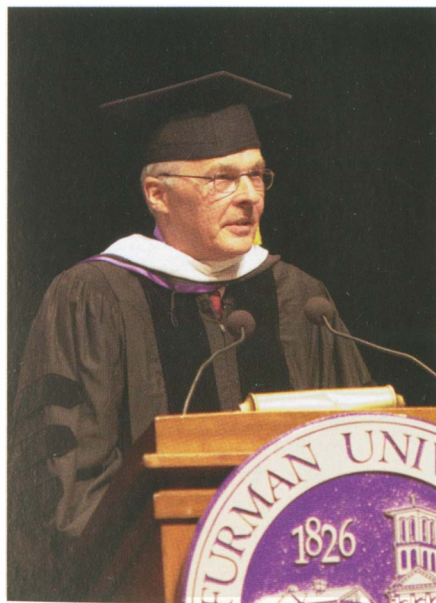
The convocation launched a daylong remembrance of the September 11 tragedy. Beginning at noon and ending with a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m., various campus groups offered memorial tributes on the hour.

During the convocation, the university announced the establishment of the Dorothy and B.H. Peace, Jr., Professorship in Religion. Endowed by Dorothy Pedrick Peace, a prominent Greenville, the chair will be awarded to a faculty member who is a pre-eminent scholar of Christianity. Announcement of the appointment is expected to be made in the fall of 2003.

In addition, the university announced the appointment of two faculty members to existing professorships.

Sandra G. Roberson has been named to the Robert E. Hughes Professorship in Economics and Business Administration. She came to Furman in 1999 and holds a master's degree from West Virginia University.

Chemistry professor Timothy W. Hanks has been named to the Henry Keith and Ellen Hard Townes Professorship. Hanks, who came to Furman in 1990, earned a Ph.D. from Montana State University.



**Werner Krättschell addresses the need to work for peace and reconciliation in the wake of international tensions. Top: Students engage in a candlelight vigil on the steps of the Charles E. Daniel Chapel to commemorate the anniversary of the September 11 attacks.**



## Huff, Pitts to retire at close of academic year

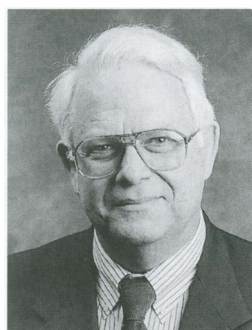
A.V. Huff, Jr., and James M. Pitts, administrators whose combined years of service to Furman total almost 70 years, have both announced plans to retire at the close of the 2002-03 academic year.

Huff, a pre-eminent historian of the South and South

Carolina, has been vice president for academic affairs and dean since 1995. A graduate of Wofford College, he joined the Furman history faculty in 1968. Holder of a Ph.D. from Duke University and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University, he is a minister in the United Methodist Church and serves as historian of the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

A specialist on the history of the American South and South Carolina, Huff is chair of the South Carolina Commission on Archives and History and has been president of the South Carolina Historical Association. He also serves on the editorial board of the *South Carolina Historical Magazine* and the advisory board of *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*.

He has written and edited several books, including *The History of South Carolina in the Building of a Nation*; *Greenville: City and County in the South Carolina Piedmont*; and



A.V. Huff, Jr.

*Langdon Cheves of South Carolina.* He is a recipient of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation's "Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award."

University chaplain Jim Pitts is a 1960 Furman graduate who holds advanced degrees from two Southern Baptist seminaries, Southeastern and Southern. He came to Furman in 1967 as associate chaplain and assistant professor of religion and assumed the post of university chaplain in 1982.

He has ministered in both congregational and hospital settings, and his expertise includes crisis counseling and substance abuse intervention. In 1992 he received the Lewis W. Newman Award from the In-Service Guidance Conference, which recognized his lifelong leadership in career guidance for ministers and ministerial candidates.

He is currently chair of the board of Smyth & Helwys, a Macon, Ga., publisher of Christian-themed books and educational resources. He has also served as president of the Greenville Mental Health Association and chair of the Election Commission for the city of Travelers Rest, and has been a consultant to the substance abuse program of the Greenville Hospital System.



Jim Pitts

## Biotechnology to be focus of consortium

Furman has joined in a consortium with two North Carolina colleges, Western Carolina and the University of North Carolina-Asheville, to boost the emerging biotechnology industry in the western Carolinas.

U.S. Rep. Charles Taylor of the 11th District of North Carolina has pledged to seek \$13 million in federal support for the Western Carolinas Biotechnology Consortium, which is the latest in a series of initiatives announced by Taylor to stimulate economic development by improving the region's educational infrastructure and stemming the phenomenon known as "brain drain."

The projected \$13 million in federal funding, to be sought in allocations over several years, will enable the three universities to jointly develop the high-tech resources, facilities and equipment needed to provide quality undergraduate and graduate training in several biotechnology fields, including genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics. Research conducted by faculty and students is expected to spin off start-up companies that will have a positive impact on the economy of western North Carolina and northwest South Carolina.

Furman president David E. Shi says that the public/private college partnership is unique, "not only because it straddles state boundaries, but it brings together institutions of higher learning that are very different in terms of their structure, their heritage and their mission."

Western Carolina chancellor John Bardo says that the partnership will enable the region to build its ability to participate in the new economy of the 21st century — and to avoid duplication of effort during tight economic times.

"What this consortium is about is trying not to reproduce the wheel so that each university doesn't have to go out and hire exactly the same people to do exactly the same work," Bardo says. "That allows us to spread our resources further and interact with a broader range of students, and it lets us bring together the great minds that we have on all of our campuses to get work done for the benefit of the people."

## Three faculty members earn major honors

Two Furman faculty members received special awards from the South Carolina Arts Commission this fall, while a chemistry professor was awarded a major grant by the National Science Foundation.

The Board of Commissioners of the S.C. Arts Commission designated English professor Gilbert Allen and art instructor Diane Hopkins-Hughs to receive \$5,000 Artist Fellowships in recognition of "superior artistic merit." The awards were two of six presented in the state.

Allen, who has taught at Furman since 1977, is the author of three books of poetry: *In Everything* (1982), *Second Chances* (1991) and *Commandments at Eleven* (1994). His fourth collection, *Driving to Distraction*, will be published by the Orchises Press in January. His poems, stories and essays have appeared in such publications as *The American Scholar*; *The Cortland Review*; *Epoch*; *The Georgia Review*; *Image* and *The Southern Review*. He has won the Porter Fleming Award twice and the South Carolina Fiction Project four times for his short stories.

Hopkins-Hughs, a photographer who specializes in hand-colored gelatin silver prints,

has been an adjunct art instructor at Furman since 1989. Her work has appeared in more than 25 solo and 50 group shows throughout the country, and in 1996 she was named South Carolina Art Educator of the Year by the state Art Education Association.

Tim Hanks, Henry Keith and Ellen Hard Townes Professor of Chemistry, has been awarded a \$390,000 grant by the National Science Foundation to support his research in nanotechnology. He is the principal investigator for a three-year project titled "Tuning the Supramolecular Structure and Properties of Polydiacetylenes with Charge-Transfer Interactions." William Pennington of Clemson University is co-author of the grant.

Nanotechnology involves the creation of materials, devices and systems through the control of matter at the atomic level. A nanometer is one billionth of a meter, or about 1/80,000th of the diameter of a human hair.

At least six undergraduate chemistry students at Furman will be involved in the research over the next three years, as will two graduate students and four undergraduates from Clemson.



# Furman campaign

## Campaign's success a direct result of strong volunteer leadership

There is a palpable feeling of excitement in the air at Furman. Beyond the extraordinary strides made in recent years and the achievements of its faculty and students, Furman has benefited tremendously from the support and generosity of countless volunteers who have given of their time, talents and resources to shape the course of the university for years to come.

Through their support of the Forever Furman campaign, alumni and friends have provided Furman students with exceptional new opportunities to learn and to grow. Since the beginning of the campaign in 1996, the leadership of trustees Alester G. Furman III, Tom Hartness, Bill Timmons '49, Gordon Herring '65, Neel Hipp '73, Mary Peace Sterling, John Cothran '54, Leigha Rinker and many others has helped to add outstanding academic and athletic facilities to the campus landscape, create and expand engaged learning opportunities, and endow a host of scholarships and professorships.

As the campaign nears its closing date

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of December 31, 2002, we salute the many volunteers who have brought Furman to a new level of achievement and expectation — and who have helped to raise approximately \$190 million during the course of the fund drive, which began its public phase in 1999. When you read of the accomplishments of a student, or of a faculty member whose work changes lives for the better, or of a graduate who has made a significant mark on the world, remember that their efforts began with the help of individuals whose appreciation for and loyalty to Furman were matched by their generosity.

Thousands of people, each with their own reasons for supporting Furman, have come forward during the campaign to demonstrate their love for the university.

Their efforts, and those of the people who dedicate their lives to teaching, learning and service, define Furman University.

The Forever Furman campaign has helped the university bolster its financial strength, refurbish the campus infrastructure, and establish exciting new priorities for the future. Furman has closed the gap between its aspirations and its ability to support them — and created many new opportunities for even bolder thinking.

Immediate needs remain to be met, particularly for the expansion of the James B. Duke Library, the completion of the Bryan Center for Military Science, and the construction of Younts Conference Center. Yet as the campaign ends, its success leads us to applaud and to celebrate the beneficence of alumni and friends.

We acknowledge their generosity, we commit ourselves to honor the trust they place in us, and we call on others to join them.

— Don Lineback

*Vice President for Development*

## Richard Furman Society sets robust pace in unrestricted giving

One of the major success stories of the Forever Furman campaign has been the generous support from alumni and friends for the Furman Fund gift societies. In particular, the top upper-level gift society — the Richard Furman Society (for donors of \$10,000 and more in unrestricted gifts) — has grown significantly in recent years.

Increasing the membership in the university's gift societies was a key campaign objective because of their value in providing unrestricted support, which is then allocated to take advantage of new opportunities, fill strategic needs and provide scholarships.

The Richard Furman Society, which began with 10 members in 1993-94, has been the pacesetter among the societies. By the end of the 2001-02 academic year, the RFS had increased to 77 members who together made unrestricted gifts to Furman

totaling \$783,771. This figure is equivalent to the income that would be generated by \$15 million in endowment. The recent success of the Richard Furman Society is directly attributable to the dedicated leadership of Jim '64 and Carol Nichols Ney '67, co-chairs of the society for three years now.

The foundation for the upper-level gift societies is the Presidents Club, for donors of \$1,000 to \$2,499. Chaired by George Linney '65, the Presidents Club has been reorganized this year to build an even stronger donor base. Regional committees have been established in Atlanta, Ga., Charlotte, N.C., Columbia, S.C., and Greenville to identify and cultivate prospects.

In addition, many alumni have reached their current gift society membership level by taking advantage of the matching gift

program at their place of employment. This is a wonderful way to leverage your financial support for Furman. To learn more about your employer's matching gifts program, e-mail [lilliann.hall@furman.edu](mailto:lilliann.hall@furman.edu) or call 1-800-787-7534.

The Richard Furman Society has set a robust pace. By joining the RFS or any of the other leading gift societies — Founders Circle (\$5,000 to \$9,999), Trustees Circle (\$2,500 to \$4,999) or Presidents Club — you can help Furman continue to make great things happen today!

— Jane Dungan

*Associate Director, Major Gifts*

For more information, visit the Web at [www.furman.edu/giving](http://www.furman.edu/giving) and click on the Gift Societies link.



## Furman graduates establish scholarship to honor relatives

**A** Georgia couple who graduated from Furman in the 1970s has established a scholarship fund to benefit full-time students who demonstrate financial need and exhibit "initiative, ability and a dedicated work ethic."

Glenn Stewart '70 and his wife, Lynn Lewis Stewart '71, created the Stewart-Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of Glenn's parents, Glenn Stewart, Sr., and Hazel E. Stewart; his maternal grandmother, Myrtle L. Collins; and his great aunt, Maude L. Collins.

"The relatives for whom the Stewart-Collins Memorial Scholarship is named worked diligently to establish a fund so that I could attend college," says Glenn Stewart, now a resident of Roswell, Ga., and the first member of his family to attend college. "I have never forgotten the sacrifice that was made to provide me with a good start in life. I can't imagine a better way to honor their memory and keep them alive in the hearts of others than by creating this scholarship fund."

Rather than being a purely academic award, the Stewart-Collins Memorial Scholarship will go to students who have "solid" academic credentials and a "determination to succeed." Priority consideration will go to those who demonstrate financial need.

Glenn Stewart, Sr., who died in 1977, was born in Matthews, Ga., and was a freight foreman with the Railway Express Agency in Augusta. His wife, Hazel, who died in 2000, was born in Lyons, Ga., and was owner and operator of Augusta Florist.

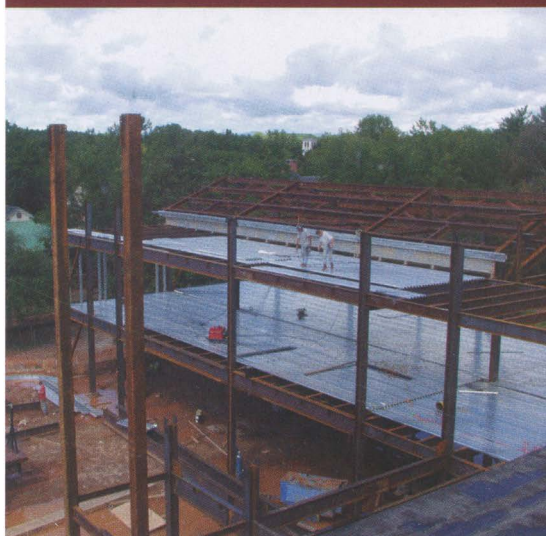
Myrtle Collins, Hazel's mother, died in 1976. She was also born in Lyons, owned a fish market in Augusta during the 1940s and later opened the Augusta Flower and Gift Shop, which became Augusta Florist. Maude Collins, Myrtle's twin sister, was a farmer and grocery store owner in Lyons. She died in 1999.

"My family held in high regard those who never forgot where they came from and tried to give something back to society," Glenn Stewart said. "I am certain that they would be pleased that a scholarship bearing their names will benefit people who are trying to make a better life for themselves."

Glenn is a retired federal agent with the U.S. Customs Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Defense Investigative Service and U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General. Lynn Stewart is a social worker and adoption counselor.

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## Library's Charlie Peace Wing taking shape



This view from the third floor of the James B. Duke Library shows the progress on the library's Charlie Peace Wing. Named for a longtime executive with The Greenville News-Piedmont Company, the new wing is the gift of Peace's daughter, Mary Peace Sterling, a former Furman trustee. Once the 48,000-square-foot addition is complete, renovation of the current facility will begin. Total cost of the library project is approximately \$25 million.

## AAM project helps K-12 educators integrate technology into curriculum

Since 2000, the Library of Congress has awarded Furman grants totaling more than \$1 million toward the development of the Adventure of the American Mind (AAM) project, which trains teachers in the South Carolina upstate to use the library's vast on-line resources.

As part of the project, the Department of Education at Furman offers a course titled "Integrating Technology into the Curriculum." First taught in 2001, the course helps elementary and secondary school teachers learn to integrate historical data from the library's collections into their classroom curriculum. The collections include digitized documents, photographs, recorded sound, moving pictures and text from the library's Americana collections.

The course features extensive technological instruction using such applications as WebQuest, PowerPoint and the Library of Congress site search. To complete AAM program requirements, teachers must:

- Integrate content from the American Memory digital collection and National Digital Library into their curriculum;
- Create a Web page to help students find American Memory data;
- Mentor a colleague at their school;
- Instruct colleagues in the creation of curriculum-related Web page strategies based on content from the American Memory collection.

As part of the program, participants receive a laptop computer to assist with their course work. They earn three hours of graduate credit — and keep the laptop, provided they meet all AAM requirements.

Each year, the Congressional representatives from South Carolina's 3rd and 4th districts choose 10 schools to participate in the project. From the applicant pool a selection committee from Furman picks two teachers from each of the schools.

Last spring, Furman received a \$50,000 grant from the LOC for a pilot program to allow 10 teachers to enroll in the course on-line, through streaming video. During the course, which is expected to be launched this winter, participants will meet on Furman's campus once a month, but the majority of the weekly, three-hour classes will be taught on-line.

In addition, a grant of \$500,000 from the Library of Congress, in conjunction with the Education and Research Consortium of the Western Carolinas, funded the university's Center for Teaching and Technology in Herman N. Hipp Hall.

The AAM project began in 2000 as a pilot program for western North Carolina, with four institutions participating — Brevard College, Mars Hill College, Montreat College and Western Carolina University. In addition to Furman, Southern Illinois University and South Mountain Community College in Arizona have since joined the program.

By the end of the 2001-02 academic year Furman had trained 80 K-12 teachers, and 40 teachers had been trained by mentors. AAM training continued at Furman this fall.

— Aynoka Bender  
Associate Director, Grants and  
Sponsored Programs



# Furmanathletics

## Confidence boost

*Jackson hopes to make most of U.S. Amateur run*

It is amazing what stepping onto a national stage and beating some of the world's best amateurs can do for a young woman's confidence.

Furman golfer Brandi Jackson did just that this summer when she traveled to Scarborough, N.Y., for the U.S. Women's Amateur and made it all the way to the championship match. Although she lost in the finals, 3 and 2, to Becky Lucidi of the University of Southern California, Jackson's performance gave her a great deal of confidence heading into her final collegiate season.

"I've always wanted to win a big college tournament, but I've never been able to put together three good days," says Jackson, a health and exercise science major from Belton, S.C. "Now I don't see why I can't do that. This summer was a good experience for me."

Although Jackson was one of the Lady Paladins' top players last year as a junior and won the Southern Conference title, she came in under the radar at the Amateur, which was televised on ESPN. The field was full of college All-Americans, Curtis Cup members and players from all over the world. But Jackson easily qualified for match play and breezed through the first three rounds.

In the quarterfinals, Jackson dispatched Mollie Frankhauser, a Curtis Cup member and perhaps the best-known name left in the field, in 20 holes. In the semifinals, she won the last three holes to force overtime, then defeated Maru Martinez of Venezuela on the 19th hole.

Things didn't go nearly as well in the 36-hole championship match against Lucidi, as Jackson fell behind by six holes after the first 18 and says she "wanted to crawl in a hole" after some of the shots she hit. But she collected herself at the break and closed within two before finally falling.

"I don't think it was nerves," Jackson says. "I just couldn't get anything going. But we took a break and I decided that if she could beat me by six in 18 holes, I could do the same thing to her. I played much better the last 18 holes."

One thing is certain: Jackson discovered there isn't anyone on the amateur level she needs to fear, which should give her the assurance to excel in her final year of college and perhaps become the latest in a long line of Lady Paladins to join the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour.

Her newfound confidence seemed evident in September when she finished second at the ACC/SEC Challenge and third at the Mason Rudolph Championships, both of which featured some of the nation's best teams. They were her two best finishes in major collegiate events.

"I can be a little bit lazy sometimes [when it comes to practicing]," Jackson



**Brandi Jackson's showing in the Women's Amateur was the best by a Furman player since Beth Daniel won the event in 1977.**

says, "especially if I'm not pointing toward a particular tournament. But I'm looking forward to working hard this year and seeing what I can accomplish."

— Vince Moore

## Athletic Hall of Fame inducts five new members

**Furman inducted five people into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies September 15.**

Longtime university benefactor Lucius Weeks '54 joined football standouts Ray Siminski '59 and Eric Walter '91, cross country star Cate Pichon '93 and softball catcher Julie Glasser-Stebbins '97 in becoming the latest alumni to join the shrine.

Weeks, who received the Distinguished Alumni Award during Homecoming ceremonies in October, is founder of the Order of the Paladin, which encourages individuals to become major scholarship donors to the Paladin Club. He also helped to establish the Selvy-Floyd Basketball Scholarship.

Siminski was a three-year football letterman who earned all-Southern Conference and all-South Carolina honors in 1958 after leading the league in receiving, with 35 catches for 568 yards and five touchdowns. He played for two years with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

Walter was a three-year starter at offensive guard and a two-time all-league performer. He made the Kodak Division I-AA All-America first team and the Associated Press second team in 1991, was a two-time GTE Academic All-American, and received an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Pichon was the 1991 Furman Female Athlete of the Year. She won the conference cross country titles in 1990 and 1991, when she became the first Furman woman to qualify for the NCAA championships. She was the Most Outstanding Performer at the league's 1991 indoor championships and at the 1990 cross country meet.

Glasser-Stebbins was league player of the year three times and was twice a National Fastpitch Coaches Association Academic Scholar Athlete. Twice named to the GTE Academic All-District and All-American teams, she was the 1997 Edna Hartness Female Athlete of the Year at Furman.



Furman has no idea how close it came to not enjoying the current success of its men's soccer program.

If head coach Doug Allison had followed his initial inclination 18 years ago, he would have boarded a plane back to London and never set foot in the United States again. And it is impossible to separate the success of the Furman program from its British head coach.

In 1984, Allison, a soccer-mad schoolboy from Bath, England, was recruited to play at the University of South Carolina. At first, it seemed natural enough for him to continue his soccer career at an American college, even though he and his parents had to find South Carolina on a map and he knew only one other person who had ever been to the United States.

Things began to seem very strange when his parents took him to the airport for his flight to the States. But the full impact of what he was doing didn't hit him until he was 30,000 feet above the Atlantic.

"We hadn't been in the air long and I was saying, 'What in the world am I doing?'," Allison says. "My mother was crying when I left. I wasn't going to know anybody in America. I decided right then that as soon as we landed I was getting a flight back to London."

By the time he landed in the United States, though, he decided he should at least visit the USC campus before returning home. But a second wave of doubts hit him when he arrived in Columbia and was greeted by the oppressive heat of a mid-August night in the South Carolina midlands.

"It was so hot that I could hardly move," says Allison. "It was so bad that I asked the assistant coach who picked me up if we could stop and get something to drink."

Allison was in for one final shock when he reported to the athletic dorm and met the other "football" players, many of whom were 6-6 and 280 pounds. "I took one look at these guys and thought, 'I'm never going to survive over here,'" he says.

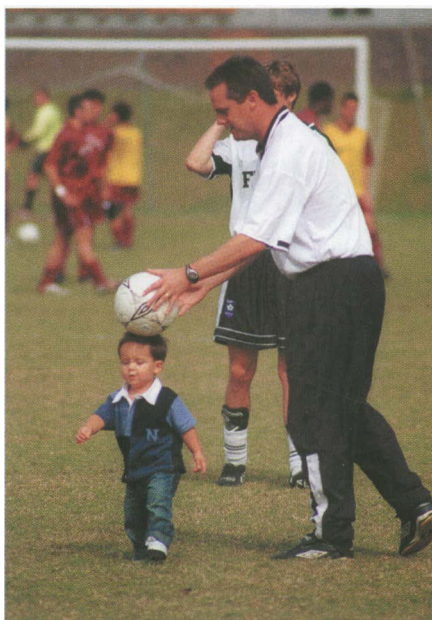
Of course, Allison did survive. He went on to become the leading scorer in South Carolina soccer history — a record he still holds — and one of the most successful coaches in America. Since his head coaching career began at Furman in 1995, his teams have won nearly eight of every 10 games they have played, making his winning percentage (.772 entering this season) the third best in Division I during that time.

But Allison traveled a few other roads before arriving at Furman. After graduating from South Carolina, he spent a year with a professional team in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The team program listed him as being from South Carolina, since Belfast was not the safest place for an Englishman to reside.

He returned to the States the next year to earn a master's degree at the University of North Carolina and serve as a graduate assistant for the Tar Heels. He moved on to USC in 1991 as a full-time assistant and, four years later, became head coach at Furman.

Since that time, one could argue that no Furman athletic program has achieved more than men's soccer. From 1995-2001, the Paladins posted the fifth best record in the nation and claimed victories over Clemson, South Carolina, North Carolina, Wake Forest, Notre Dame and Michigan, among others. With a 17-2-1 record this year through November 16, they qualified for their fourth straight NCAA tournament (they reached the quarterfinals in 1999). And they have been nationally ranked in at least one poll every week for the past four years.

What's more, this season Furman set a national record for consecutive wins in league play (43 and counting) and was featured



**Doug Allison helps son Callum perfect his header technique.**

in *USA Today* as a program that has escaped the broad shadow of the Atlantic Coast Conference and come fully into its own. Experts also rated this year's freshman class as the third best in the country, marking the third consecutive year Allison's recruiting classes had been ranked among the nation's top four.

If you're looking for the secret of Furman's success, look no further than that final statistic.

"I decided I wasn't going to wait and see who was left after all the top players were gone," he said. "But that's also what makes it tough, because every kid we recruit has a choice of going to Indiana or UCLA or Virginia or Clemson. But I figure if I can get two or three kids every year who could be playing at those places, then we're going to have a very good team."

Allison's success is all the more amazing when you consider that his program has two fewer scholarships than the NCAA allows and that he does not have a full-time assistant. Still, he isn't deterred from pursuing the ultimate dream.

"Can we win a national championship?" Allison says. "I hope so. That's always our goal."

Allison is glad he didn't head back to England those many years ago. In addition to becoming a top coach, he has settled comfortably into life in the States, marrying a girl from Pittsburgh (Michelle) and starting a family (his son, Callum, will soon turn two). He is so acclimated that his British accent is but a wisp of its former self, having been blunted by nearly two decades in the American South.

"I don't really notice it," Allison says, "but my mother sure gives me a hard time about it. She now calls me her American boy."

— Vince Moore

## Tragedy strikes soccer program

For the longest time, the men's soccer program at Furman had experienced nothing but the best of times. But that good fortune ended tragically October 11, when one player was killed and three others were injured in an early-morning traffic accident on Interstate 85 near Spartanburg, S.C.

Freshman standout Gray Griffin of Huntersville, N.C., who was driving, died in the October 11 accident. Three of his freshman teammates — Chefik Simo of Dallas, Texas, Josh Villalobos of Fayetteville, N.C., and Sean Murray of Wauwatosa, Wis. — were injured. The students were returning to campus from a concert in Charlotte, N.C., when Griffin's sport utility vehicle overturned.

Villalobos and Murray were released from Spartanburg Regional Medical Center a few days after the accident. Simo required multiple surgeries and was hospitalized for an extended period.

The tragedy shocked more than just the Furman community. Because of both Furman's and Griffin's standing in the soccer community, the accident made national news. Condolences came in from all over the United States and Europe.

Griffin, a graduate of North Mecklenburg High School, was a *Parade* All-America selection and former captain of the U.S. Under-17 National Team. He had started as a defender in 12 matches for the Paladins.

About 500 people attended a memorial service for Griffin on campus October 16.



# Furman alumni news

## Join the FAN club!

As the fall term comes to an end at Furman, those of us in the Admissions Office are hard at work recruiting prospective students for the Class of 2007. Our counselors are traveling all across the United States, attending college fairs, hosting information sessions, visiting high schools and meeting with students as we try to secure a class that is the equal of this year's first-year students.

We do not work alone, however. For more than 20 years, the Admissions Office has benefited from the help of the Furman Admissions Network (FAN) in identifying, recruiting and enrolling top students. FAN members — 200 alumni and parent volunteers across the country — serve as Furman's eyes and ears in their communities and play a key role in the university's ongoing efforts to attract a strong freshman class.

During my travels on behalf of the Admissions Office, I'm often asked, "How can I help Furman?" "How can I stay connected to the university?"

My response: "Join FAN." But I'm somewhat biased, because I'm the FAN coordinator.

FAN representatives assist the university in a variety of ways, including:

- **Student Referral.** FAN members provide Furman the names of strong prospective students.

- **Receptions/Summer Send-offs.** FAN members host or help with receptions for prospective students in their areas, typically in the fall and spring of each year. In the summer they host parties for incoming freshmen.

- **College Fair Programs.** After training, and with admissions materials in hand, FAN members represent Furman at college fairs in their areas.

- **Local Resource.** FAN members allow the Admissions Office to give their name and telephone number to a prospective student or



family who might have questions about the university.

- **Contact for Prospective and Accepted Students.** FAN members contact and encourage students in their area to consider Furman, and extend congratulations to those who are accepted.

- **Take a Student to Dinner.** FAN members help personalize the recruiting process by taking prospective students out for a meal.

FAN work is easy. We simply ask volunteers to talk about their own Furman experiences. People who are upbeat and who are good listeners tend to really enjoy this work, and they take pride in knowing how much their efforts benefit the university.

To help Furman continue to compete effectively for students, the Admissions Office plans to enlarge and expand the Furman Admissions Network. So if you are interested in learning more about FAN, please contact me. I'd love to sign you up for the FAN club!

You may reach me via e-mail at [lynn.osment@furman.edu](mailto:lynn.osment@furman.edu) or by phone at 704-362-4116.

— Lynn Shirley Osment '88

*The writer, who also holds a master's degree in education from Furman, lives in Charlotte, N.C., and is the North Carolina field representative for the Admissions Office.*

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

### Furman Clubs in full swing

During the fall, Furman Clubs have been busy cheering on the university's athletic teams.

More than 550 alumni and parents attended a tailgate party prior to the Furman-Vanderbilt game September 7 in Nashville, Tenn. Alumni also enjoyed a barbecue before the Furman football game at Richmond September 21, and the St. Louis Furman Club cheered on the men's soccer team when the Paladins traveled to St. Louis University October 5.

Furman Clubs also enjoyed visits with Furman professors. On September 28, art professor Olof Sorensen led the Triad (N.C.) club on a tour of the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem. The Boston Furman Club welcomed William Lavery, professor of history and director of international education, to a luncheon November 9 at House of Blues.

December 12 is the date for the seventh annual Charleston (S.C.) Holiday Gala, a yearly favorite for area alumni. Another annual favorite is the Atlanta Winter Gala, which is scheduled February 1, 2003. Speaking of February, Keith Lockhart '81 and the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will be performing at Greenville's Bi-Lo Center on February 14.

The Furman Singers will begin their annual concert tour in February and will be performing in Birmingham, Ala., and all over South Carolina, from the Upstate to the coast. Alumni will receive a mailing with details.

To learn more about Furman Club events, call Melanie Krone '94, associate director of the Alumni Association, at 1-800-PURPLE3, or e-mail [melanie.krone@furman.edu](mailto:melanie.krone@furman.edu).

### Travel programs set for 2003

The Alumni Association has partnered with Alumni Holidays International® to offer these exciting trips to Europe in 2003:

**Rome Escapade, January 30-February 6:** The Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, Michelangelo's Pieta and the beautiful Sistine Chapel are just a few of the sites on this trip's itinerary. Enjoy six wonderful nights at the five-star Excelsior Hotel at a cost of approximately \$1,995 per person, based on double occupancy.

**Alumni College in Tuscany, April 8-16:** Experience Pienza, Assisi, Florence and other areas. All meals, seminars and excursions are included in the cost of approximately \$2,595 per person, based on double occupancy.

**Alumni College in Kinsale, Ireland, September 28-October 6:** Journey to the massive Blarney Castle (with its world-famous stone), enjoy a picturesque boat trip to Garinish Island and travel to other exciting spots on this spectacular adventure. Cost is approximately \$2,495 per person, based on double occupancy.

For more information about these travel packages, visit <http://www.ahitravel.com/furman> or call the Alumni Association at 1-800-PURPLE3.



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**Charles H. Townes** was presented the Karl Schwarzschild Award for 2002 by the German Astronomical Society. Named for a famous German astronomer, the award is the most prestigious bestowed by the society. After receiving the honor, Townes delivered the Karl Schwarzschild Lecture in Berlin on the topic "The Behavior of Stars Observed by Infrared Interferometry."

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**Edward B. Clayton** and his wife, Jocelyn, live in retirement in Boiling Springs, N.C. After 40 years as a high school teacher, coach and administrator, Edward retired as principal of Crest High School in Shelby, N.C.

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**Harold Eugene Lindsey** of St. Simons Island, Ga., delivered the Commencement address at North Greenville College in May and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He was president of North Greenville for five years (1970-75) before becoming director of Southern Baptist work in Massachusetts. He has served as a therapist in pastoral care at Baptist Hospital of North Carolina, as founder and director of Lincolnton (N.C.) Pastoral Counseling Center, and in a number of interim pastorates.

## 43

**Francis Ruth Folk Rogers** of Columbia, S.C., has received the J. Waites Waring Humanitarian Award from the United Black Fund of the Midlands. The award recognizes her tireless efforts in promoting civil rights and civil liberties in South Carolina, especially through her work with the late I. DeQuincey Newman, a South Carolina state senator and civil rights activist.

## 53

**Next reunion in 2003**  
In September, **Richard B. Cass** retired from the faculty of the

University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory as a Distinguished Professor of Music. He will continue to perform as a concert pianist.

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**Next reunion in 2003**  
**Harry Eskew**, who is retired from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been honored by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference with the Hines Sims Award, the organization's highest award for contributions to church music.

■ **H. Leroy Stewart** has been appointed chaplain general of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He will offer advice and assistance in ministering to the spiritual needs of SAR members and will assist in leading the group's headquarters staff and volunteers in establishing and implementing society programs.

## 59

**Next reunion in 2004**  
**Robert Burns King**, organist and choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church in Burlington, N.C., was honored September 15 for his 40 years of service to the church with a concert by Market Street Brass, a faculty ensemble from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. King, who also teaches at Elon University and at UNC-Greensboro, recently issued a compact disc recording of the "Three Chorales for Organ" by Cesar Franck, the most important 19th-century composer of organ music in France. The CD includes music for Christmas by the church's Chancel Choir and soloists. For more information, e-mail King at rking@netpath.net.

## 60

**Next reunion in 2005**  
**Ken Dover** has been named minister of education at Arial Baptist Church in Easley, S.C. The retired public school teacher has also served as a bivocational pastor and in other ministry positions for churches in the

Piedmont and the Pickens-Twelve Mile associations.

## 61

**Next reunion in 2006**  
**Larry Ayers**, a specialist in tax-sheltered investments with 30 years in the financial business, has joined MML Investors Services Inc. in Greenville. He has written on investing, has been featured on radio and television talk shows, and has been a Securities and Exchange Commission Registered Investment Advisor for affluent investors and corporate retirement plans.

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**Next reunion in 2007**  
**Frankie Creamer Hardin** of Greenville has started a consulting company, Achievement Focus. She has given speeches and conducted workshops in 29 South Carolina counties and in other states.

## 64

**Next reunion in 2004**  
After receiving a National Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Foundation for a 15-week sabbatical trip, **Gerry Hanberry** and his wife, Pat, spent February through April traveling to seven countries in Central and South America, studying Spanish and issues that cause Latins to migrate to the United States. Gerry is pastor of Glade United Church of Christ in Walkersville, Md.

## 66

**Next reunion in 2006**  
**Shields M. Cochran** has been appointed vice president (private banker) in the Greenville office of South Carolina Bank and Trust. ■ The trustees of Connie Maxwell Children's Home have named **Ben Davis** as the eighth president of the 110-year-old ministry to children and families. He has been associated with Connie Maxwell since 1993 and served as the home's vice president for business and development. ■ **Sam Wyche**, former coach of the Cincinnati Bengals and Tampa Bay Buccaneers of

the National Football League, was a volunteer assistant coach this fall at Pickens (S.C.) High School. In August, he served as master of ceremonies for "A Midsummer's Night with Special Olympics," a fund-raising event held at the BMW Zentrum and Visitors' Center in Greenville.

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**Next reunion in 2003**  
**Caroline Smith Helms** has been named interim vice president and dean for academic affairs at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga. She has been a professor of history at the college since 1974 and has chaired the Division of Social Science since 1996.

## 71

**Next reunion in 2006**  
After a number of years with the Westinghouse Corporation, **John Chinault** left the business world to attend medical school. He is now a radiation oncologist in the Richmond, Va., area and is medical director of the Southside Cancer Treatment Center. ■ **Bob Sims** of Tallahassee, Fla., retired from BellSouth Business Systems in April.

## 73

**Next reunion in 2003**  
**Robert and Cynthia Digby** '76 **Wood** live in Arlington, Va., and work for the U.S. Department of State, she in the Office of Recruitment and he in the Office of the Inspector General. Cynthia recruits foreign service officers in the Midwest and Rocky Mountains and Robert has inspector posts in West Africa and Central Asia.

## 75

**Next reunion in 2005**  
**Tana Goodwin Vanderbilt**, a family court resource attorney at the Children's Law Office of the University of South Carolina Law School, has been elected chair of the board of directors of Growing Home, a private, non-profit treatment foster care and family services agency with



headquarters in St. Paul, Minn., and offices in Minnesota and South Carolina.

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### Next reunion in 2006

**Jim and Beth Davis Harrison** live in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is an associate professor of pathology and associate director of pathology informatics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is the executive director of ALL of Us Care, a non-profit organization that promotes safe schools and healthy communities in six Lower Allegheny Valley municipalities. ■ **George Kerns** has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Digex, Incorporated, in Laurel, Md. He had previously served as the company's senior vice president of operations.

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### Next reunion in 2007

After spending three years in Dakar, Senegal, **Deborah Malac** entered the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., from which she has received a master's degree in national resource strategy. She now works on biotechnology issues for the Office of Agricultural Trade Policy of the U.S. Department of State. ■ **Donald Stilwell** of Chickamauga, Ga., is a publisher with News Publishing Company, which owns a number of newspapers in Georgia and Alabama.

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### Next reunion in 2004

**Jean Summerville** (M.A.) of Charlotte, N.C., is a fourth grade teacher at Springfield Elementary School in Fort Mill, S.C.

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### Next reunion in 2005

**Robin Scott Blackburn** serves as first vice president of the board of directors of the Greenville Family Partnership, an organization that works to keep children off tobacco, alcohol,

drugs and other harmful substances by educating and partnering with families and the community. ■ **Libby Powers Keller** (M.A. '84) is a music teacher at La Jolla Country Day School in San Diego, Calif. She is studying for her second master's degree, this one in educational administration.

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### Next reunion in 2006

**Dian Uher Garnett**, previously a systems engineer with EDS, is now self-employed as a consultant in Fort Worth, Texas. ■ **Hal Hanlin** earned an L.L.M. degree in taxation from New York University in May.

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### Next reunion in 2007

South Carolina state representative **Chip Campsen** was named Outstanding Legislator for 2002 by School Ministries, a non-profit organization that operates released time Christian education programs around the country. ■ **David de Armas** is an attorney in Orlando, Fla., with the firm of Cramer, Price & de Armas, P.A. ■ **Steve Riley** now lives in Irmo, S.C., and is a senior engineer with Bechtel Telecoms. ■ **BIRTHS:** Wayne and **Liz Bournier Laney**, a son, Christopher Bournier Laney, May 7, Huntsville, Ala. ■ Richard and **Sarah Couture Pope**, a son, Nicholas Derek, May 13, Lutz, Fla.

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### Next reunion in 2003

**Scott Bader** recently accepted a position as senior software developer with Donnell Systems in South Bend, Ind. ■ **Lisa Sitton Burleson** is an assistant principal in the Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Schools. ■ **Robert Capers** recently joined the board of Independent Colleges and Universities of South Carolina. ■ **Skip Kirst**, a shareholder with the law firm of GrayHarris in Orlando, Fla., was recently elected to the board of regents

for Leadership Florida. He serves as the East Central Florida regional chair. He practices in the areas of commercial, construction, professional liability and employment litigation matters.

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### Next reunion in 2004

**Jim Bryson** of North Quincy, Mass., is CFO of The Stubbins Associates, Inc. ■ **Lorraine Hester Lawson** is a documentation compliance manager with Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals in Clayton, N.C. ■ **Evans Newell**, who is employed by Wachovia in Fort Mill, S.C., ran the Myrtle Beach Marathon in February. ■ **BIRTH:** David and **Linda Howard Hickman**, a son, Brycen Jasper, March 25, Greenville.

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### Next reunion in 2005

**Samuel B. George III**, pastor of Republican United Methodist Church in McCormick, S.C., has been selected to participate in the 2003 class of Leadership South Carolina. ■ **Lanny McManus**, who earned his doctorate in conducting from the University of South Carolina, has become choral director at Central Baptist College in Conway, Ark. ■ **Perri Davis Wagner** of Alpharetta, Ga., is manager of government affairs at Novartis Ophthalmics. She recently designed and painted an "Old Testament History of the Bible" mural for Roswell United Methodist Church and wall murals for Ocee Elementary School. ■ **BIRTHS:** John and Melissa Lamaze-Anthony, a daughter, Sophia-Marie, June 21, Germantown, Md. ■ Chris and **Joy Jackson Emery**, a son, Brandon Hayes, May 14, Nashville, Tenn. ■ Tom and **Jenny Wacht Watt**, a son, David Aaron, December 27, 2001, Deer Park, Texas. Jenny is an information technology instructor in the Department of Continuing Education at San Jacinto College.

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### Next reunion in 2006

**Ian Knott** of Allison Park, Pa., is marketing director for Giant Eagle, Inc. ■ **Lisa Boyter Marvel** of Suwanee, Ga., is an executive assistant for Bear Marketing Group, Inc. ■ **Juan Watson Tolley** is an attorney in Charleston, S.C., and is director of legal services for CareAlliance Health Services. ■ **MARRIAGE:** **William Carey Hedgpeth, Jr.**, and Rosa Lucille McKinley, July 20. Bill, who spent the last four years in New Hampshire starting and pastoring churches, has become pastor of Cooley Springs Baptist Church in Chesnee, S.C. Rosa is a customer service representative for R.B.C. Liberty Insurance in Greenville.

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## Life lessons

*Rotary ambassadorship provides for memorable summer in Dresden*

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### *Next reunion in 2007*

**David Driskill** is vice president for automation with Engineered Products Corporation in Greenville. ■ **DruAnn Byrom Lutinski** and her husband, Hunter, have moved to Russia, where he is a division chief with the Defense Threat Reduction Agency of the Department of Defense. They are based in Moscow. ■

**BIRTHS:** Kelly and **Anna Weber Byars**, a daughter, Margaret Patterson, July 11, Cincinnati, Ohio. ■ **Jerry** and Jennifer **Chapman**, a daughter, Georgia Grace, March 15, Mount Airy, N.C. ■ **Dennis** and Angie **Jackson**, a son, Jacob Grant, July 10, Liberty, S.C. ■ **Robert** and **Stacy Carr Oakley**, a daughter, Hannah Grace, January 30, Durham, N.C.

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### *Next reunion in 2003*

**Maryanne Honeycutt Dotson** runs a company called People Power in Louisville, Ky., in which she works with managers and frontline supervisors to increase productivity and performance in the workplace. ■ **Boots** and **Katie Holland** (M.A. '98) **Holder** of Pickens, S.C., have been appointed by the International Mission Board to train as coordinators for a team that is focused on people groups located in Peru and Bolivia. He will research the groups, visit the locations, be the group's advocate at stateside and Latin churches, and supervise team members. She will conduct outreach through church and home. ■ **Steve Wray** has opened his own company, SN Wray & Associates, in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **BIRTHS:** Brian and **Joanne McGregor Morton**, a daughter, Sadie Suesanne, December 11, 2001, Aiken, S.C. ■ **Craig** and Glenn **Stanley**, a son, Griffin Craig, May 14, Monticello, Fla. ■ **Greg** and Beth **Welmaker**, a son, Nathan, May 13, Collegeville, Pa.

Little did Michael Hix know when he headed overseas for the summer that he would be witness to the horrific mid-August floods that swept through Germany and the Czech Republic.

Hix, a 1998 Furman graduate with a degree in music theory, studied German from June to September at the Goethe-Institut in Dresden, where he also studied opera and represented the United States as a Rotary International Cultural Ambassador Fellow. For Hix, who aspires to an operatic career, the opportunity to immerse himself for three months in the German language and culture was unparalleled, especially in such a historic city.

Dresden has been almost completely rebuilt since the end of World War II, when it was virtually obliterated by Allied air strikes. The people of Dresden have since worked tirelessly to restore the historic areas of the city, which is known for its artistic flair and distinctive architecture.

One restoration project still in progress is the Frauenkirche, or Church of Our Lady. This magnificent structure, a symbol of the city for hundreds of years, is being rebuilt using as much of the original brick and stone as possible. Says Hix, "When my German instructors, Iris Marzinek and Helga Georg, or my host Rotarian, Stephan Noth, spoke of these landmarks and of the rebuilding process, you could feel their pride in their city and the tightly woven nature of this community of people."

So in mid-August, when the Elbe River overran its banks and flooded much of the area, including the historic Altstadt (Old City) district, Hix says that the crisis served as a rallying point for the people to demonstrate their resilience.

"Everyone worked together making sandbags or helping their neighbors," he says. "The students at the Goethe-Institut could feel the pride our teachers and neighbors felt for our adopted city, and we did what we could. We spent our time filling sandbags and donating a considerable amount of food to the victims."

Hix says that several art galleries and the historic Semper Opera House suffered extensive

damage, but as he points out, "These are highly visible tourist attractions and will be immediately repaired. The real calamity is the destruction of homes in the smaller villages on the Elbe River. Many of the victims did not have insurance, and most lost everything."

Despite the flooding, nothing could diminish the experience for Hix, a professor of voice and music theory at the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, near Tallahassee. With approximately 150 students from more than 40 countries enrolled at the Goethe-Institut during his time there, Hix says that the "life lessons learned" were as instructive as his studies in German grammar and vocabulary. "Attending such an international language school introduced me to cultures, ideas, experiences and people that I never anticipated," he says.

He became particularly adept, he says, at the art of compromise, especially when it came to communicating with his classmates. Because of the diversity of the students attending the institute, Hix says that they relied on "a mixture of baby German and hand gestures." To build relationships, people were forced to overcome their discomfort and insecurity with the language barrier and ultimately to find middle ground.

He illustrated this point by describing the development of his friendship with a classmate, Akatsuki. Hix spoke no Japanese and Akatsuki spoke no English; they chose German as their "language of compromise." Still, it could be difficult to understand each other. As Hix says, "My German explanation of Easter and its importance to Christian culture probably would have given my hometown preacher an aneurysm. But when you have a vocabulary of only a few hundred words and you're interested in discussing cultural differences, all you can do is try — and smile."

All in all, the summer proved to be an invaluable experience for the young musician — so much so that he and his wife, Margaret Jackson, whom he married last December, hope to return to Germany in the next year to pursue careers in opera.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HIX



*Top: The Elbe River floods the historic Altstadt district. Left: Restoration of the Frauenkirche is expected to be complete by 2006.*



## Leap of faith

*Major career change for new alumni director*

Tom Triplitt seemed to have a comfortable, stable life. Having spent 25 years in the field of education, he was the middle school principal at Brookstone School in his hometown of Columbus, Ga.

He and his wife, Diane, had three daughters, he loved his job and, at the age of 48, he felt secure and settled. Changing careers and uprooting his family were the farthest things from his mind.

Until a round of golf with his good friend Gary Clark changed all of that.

During their outing in June, Clark, Furman's athletic director, urged Triplitt to apply for the vacant alumni director post at Furman. The pair had attended Furman at the same time during the mid-1970s and later worked together at Spartanburg (S.C.) Day School from 1987-91.

After their conversation, other Furman friends began calling Triplitt to reinforce Clark's suggestion. It took some convincing, but Triplitt eventually decided to update his resumé and send it in.

"I had a great job and was not desperate," he says, "so I felt no pressure during the interview."

Within a few weeks, though, the Triplitts had posted a "for sale" sign in the front yard of their Columbus home. Tom had gotten the job, and they were moving to Greenville.

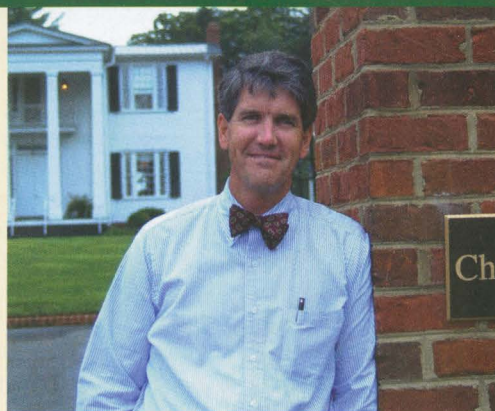
"It happened so quickly that I feel this was meant to be," he says from his office in Cherrydale.

Was it a leap of faith? "Well, yes," he says slowly. "But I guess more so for Furman, since I haven't done this [kind of work] before."

Triplitt, a 1976 Furman graduate with a degree in biology, had reconnected with his alma mater in recent years through his oldest daughter, Pearce, who graduated last May.

"Pearce had a wonderful experience here," he says. "Furman did all the right things for her. Knowing this made the decision to come here more comfortable."

Triplitt enrolled at Furman in 1972 with notions of pursuing a pre-med track, but "taking chemistry changed things for me," he says with a laugh.



*Tom Triplitt says his favorite Furman memory is of biology field trips with professor Leland Rodgers.*

At Furman he met his future wife, Diane Wedgworth, and they married after she graduated in 1978. Tom's first job was teaching biology and physical science at Sumter High School. He went on to work at Christ School in Arden, N.C., and at Spartanburg Day before heading back to Columbus in 1991.

Now, as director of the Alumni Association, Triplitt says he "wants to find more ways to reach out and connect with the broad spectrum of Furman alumni. I am overwhelmed by the number of people whose lives are being touched by Furman alumni every day. I want to celebrate that and help alumni realize how much the value of their diploma increases as Furman grows in national prominence."

Shortly after arriving on campus, he leaped right into the fray, presiding over a meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in mid-September and helping with the final plans for Homecoming.

Perhaps his biggest adjustment, though, has been to his spacious Cherrydale office, which offers a panoramic view of the campus.

"My first office at Brookstone wasn't much bigger than a cubicle. There was room for only one other person besides me. Here, I can actually have staff meetings in my office," he says.

"And I think President Shi deserves an office with this view, not me."

— John Roberts

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### Next reunion in 2004

Julie Bolt is director of business development for Banyan Senior Living in Greenville. ■ Sandra Fanning Hinckley of Lithia, Fla., a former shareholder with the law firm of Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen, has become assistant general counsel with Kforce Inc., a professional staffing firm.

■ **BIRTHS:** Grat and Christy Boyd '92 Correll, a son, Andrew Scott, May 21, Bristol, Tenn. ■ Erich and Teresa Rowland Daub, a daughter, Morgan Linn, June 1, Stone Mountain, Ga. ■ Walter and Andrea Heidcamp '90

Landow, a daughter, Elena Grace, August 4, Kennesaw, Ga.

■ Michael and Leslie Huckaby '90 Miller, a daughter, Emily Grace, June 18, Charlotte, N.C.

■ Mark '90 and Trish Enloe Patterson, a daughter, Elizabeth, April 30, Anderson, S.C. Trish and Mark both practice medicine in Anderson, she as a pulmonary and critical care physician and he as a vascular surgeon. ■ Mike and Julie Roberts Saunders, a daughter, Annie, March 30, Indianapolis, Ind.

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### Next reunion in 2005

Matt D'Angelo of Greer, S.C., is global project manager with Datastream Systems, Inc. ■

■ **BIRTHS:** Elton and Amy Williamson Bailey, a daughter, Davis Ann, August 7, Simpsonville, S.C. ■ Justin and Sylvia Brent, a daughter, Sienna Caroline, February 20, Clinton, S.C. ■ Richard and Betsy Howe Cassidy, a son, Rick, August 19, 2001, Hillsborough, N.C. ■

Craig and Brandy Welsh Cleveland, a daughter, Gracen Claire, October 25, 2001.

Brandy is a special education teacher in Alpharetta, Ga. ■ Kirk and Kate Stone (M.A. '00)

Fisher, a daughter, Ava Elisabeth, June 26, Greenville.

■ John and Bridget Fleming '93 Skinner, a daughter, Lindsay Kay, April 22, Atlanta, Ga. ■ Paul and Elizabeth Sides '91 Wallace, a daughter, Julia



Celeste, June 2. ■ **Ben** and **Jenni West**, a daughter, Abigail Marie, January 1, Marietta, Ga.

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### *Next reunion in 2006*

**Heather Lane Duncan** of Tallahassee, Fla., received a master's degree in public health from Tulane University in May. ■ **Steven Ramey** and his wife, **Terra Rodgers '94**, have returned to the States from India, where he completed research for his dissertation. They live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where he teaches at the University of North Carolina. ■ **Wendy Brown Sherlock** works in computer drafting for PZDM, LLC, a civil engineering firm in Macon, Ga. ■ **Bobby Whitson** of Brentwood, Tenn., is vice president of sales for SmartDM. He sells database management marketing solutions to professional sport teams and other athletic businesses. ■

### **MARRIAGES:** **Lisa DeAnne Cottle** (M.A.) and Jonathan

Daniel Moran, July 27. They live in Taylors, S.C., where she teaches second grade at Brushy Creek Elementary School. He is employed by Performance Data in Hendersonville, N.C. ■ **Robert Reed Hunt III** and Susan Lynn Shelburne, November 2001. They live in Asheville, N.C., and he is an account executive with Coats North America. ■ **Patricia Graddy** and John E. Oswald, June 22.

Patricia is sales trainer and product manager for TAP Pharmaceuticals in Chicago, Ill.

■ **BIRTHS:** Chris and **Bonny Eichelberger Daughtry**, twins, a son, Scott Christopher, and a daughter, Emma Kathryn, October 17, 2001, Greenville.

■ Jack and **Tricia Perkins Harrell**, a daughter, Natalie Anne, April 16, Lawrenceville, Ga. ■ Andy and **Diane Geary Powers**, a daughter, Amanda Diane, April 26, Fairfax, Va. ■

David and **Julie Wright Silander**, a son, Samuel Wright, September 3, 2001, Charlotte, N.C.

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**Tim Brown**, a drama teacher at Beaufort (S.C.) High School, recently completed his second trip with students to Edinburgh, Scotland, where they performed in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

■ **Melissa Dancy** is a visiting assistant professor of physics at Davidson College. ■ **Will Ertel** of Charlotte, N.C., is president

of Tassel Capital Management, Inc., an investment management and financial planning services company that he started earlier this year. ■ **Roger** and **Caroline Munnerlyn Ferrell** have moved from Maine to Greenville where they will continue their work as church planters. ■ **Richard Gibson** of Hyattsville, Md., is a research associate at the Federal Judicial Center. ■

**Kimberlee Fix Young** is assistant vice president with Daniels & Associates, an investment bank in Denver, Colo. ■

**MARRIAGE:** **Shellie Moses** and Ken Shipley, July 14.

Shellie has earned her master's degree in deaf education and alternates between interpreting, teaching deaf students and teaching American sign language to high school students. They live in Centreville, Md. ■

**BIRTHS:** **Scott** and **Tomoko Brown**, a daughter, Sydney Kei, July 5, Chapel Hill, N.C. Scott is a National Institute on Aging predoctoral fellow at Duke University. ■ **Jeffrey** and **Melanie Bain Calcaterra**, a daughter,

Catherine Ann, March 8, Dayton, Ohio. ■ John and **Amy Wilson Cullen**, a daughter, Ella Kathleen, February 15, Louisville, Ky. ■ Kevin and **Ansley Knox Daniel**, a son, Nicholas Alexander, July 10, Marietta, Ga. ■ Jim and **Ana Quattlebaum Gibbs**, a son, Forrester Deal, March 21, Simpsonville, S.C. ■

Jeff (M.A. '98) and **Kara Block Harrelson** (M.A. '94), a son, Jacob Allen, March 5, Greenville. Kara teaches 4-year-old kindergarten at Northwest Crescent Child Development

& Family Resources Center, and Jeff teaches math and coaches basketball at Berea High School. ■ Brian and **Stephanie Fleming Norton**, a daughter, Nora Elizabeth, November 5, 2001, Columbus, Ga. ■ **Ed** and **Tracie VanHooser Setzler**, a son, Caleb, March 11, Atlanta, Ga. ■ Robert and **Meredith Burt Williams**, a son, Nevin Burt, December 20, 2001, Charlotte, N.C.

Management held at the University of Colorado in Boulder. ■

**Ed Stein** is a commercial relationship manager with First Union/Wachovia of Greenville. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Jennifer Perkinson** and Brent Walker, July 20. They live in Raleigh, N.C., where she is a licensed professional counselor. ■ **Nancy Young** and Scott Smith, April 27. She is employed by James L. Burch, Jr., D.M.D., and Piedmont Technical College, and he is a manager of Emerald Internet Services in Greenwood, S.C. ■ **BIRTHS:** Kevin and **Julie Adams Aycock**, a son, Luke Kevin, March 18, Atlanta, Ga. Julie is a physical therapist at Fayette Community Hospital. ■ Kevin and **Sara Smith Clement**, a daughter, Bonnie Ashlyn, September 2, 2001, Duluth, Ga. Sara teaches fifth grade in the Fulton County school system. ■ Alan and **Suzanne Brewer Harmon**, a son, David Alan, April 28, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Greg** and **Alison Moore**

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**Rebecca J. Huguley** received her Master of Divinity degree from Duke University and has been commissioned a probationary elder in the United Methodist Church of South Carolina. She is currently serving an appointment to the Newberry Circuit United Methodist Church charge. ■ **Penny Westerman Krein**, marketing officer for The Palmetto Bank in upstate South Carolina, has graduated from the American Bankers Association's School of Bank Marketing and

## **CESC alumni: Let us hear from you**

**Now in its 38th year, Furman's Collegiate Educational Service Corps remains a leading advocate for justice, kindness and service throughout the Greenville community.**

**It has been estimated that through the years as many as 10,000 Furman students have volunteered with CESC. Founded in 1965 and directed for 35 years by Betty Alverson, the group is now led by J. Scott Derrick '88, director of student activities and the University Center.**

**Through CESC, many students have come to understand the importance of fulfilling commitments, accepting responsibility and, ultimately, risking a little of themselves. In the process, they have discovered the joy of service to others.**

**Furman is now looking to compile a complete list of students who volunteered with CESC as undergraduates. To do so, it needs your help. Take a moment to go to the following World Wide Web address: [www.furman.edu/cescform](http://www.furman.edu/cescform). There you will find a form where you can register your name, year of graduation and what you did as a CESC volunteer. Or, if you prefer, submit the information by calling the Alumni Office at 1-800-PURPLE3.**

**In doing so, you'll be helping the university expand its archive of information on one of the best known and most influential groups in Furman history.**



## A stylish legacy

*Collection of vintage clothes offers unique opportunity for hands-on study*

It began with a simple question on an early spring day in 2001.

Bob Beshere, a theatre arts major, stopped by my office to say that a family friend was preparing to close a house. Would I be interested in any old clothes? My answer was no different from that of any other costume designer that I know. I simply said, "Yes!"

Months later, Bob and I went to meet Paula Vaughan Mazursky at a small home off Augusta Street in Greenville. She and her brother had set aside an amazing gift for the Department of Theatre Arts at Furman. We filled two cars with dresses, coats, hats, boxes of lingerie, tops, aprons, purses and a riding ensemble complete with boots. The clothes had belonged to the donors' aunt, Paula Vaughan, a 1937 graduate of Greenville Woman's College who served as secretary to five successive mayors of Greenville.

While we loaded the cars, individual pieces would catch our eye, demanding that we stop and admire a sassy hat or softly stroke the pelt of a red fox stole. But not until everything had been transferred did I begin to fully appreciate the significance of this donation.

Most donations to the theatre program are typically only 10 to 20 years old and are wearable articles of clothing that are simply no longer fashionable. The Vaughan collection is much more significant, because it represents the taste of Paula Vaughan over the course of seven decades — and offers a parade of 20th-century styles. The earliest item is a floral silk chiffon dress dating from the 1920s, and the most recent is a dress from the mid to late 1980s. In between are an evening gown in a vivid orange silk from the late '30s, homemade day dresses from the early '40s, a cocktail dress from the '50s, and much more.

Most people save clothing for specific or sentimental reasons. Traditional occasions, such as a wedding, christening, first day of school or prom, often inspire us to preserve the memories by preserving the garment. Sometimes the cost of an item will also influence us to continue to store it long after we have ceased wearing it.

This collection suggests that other forces were at work. While it has no wedding gown and no formal gowns from the



*For theatre arts students like Kelly Criss (left) and Mariette Booth, the Vaughan collection will help research become tangible in the classroom.*

1960s on, it does include several exquisite nightgowns from the 1930s that show virtually no signs of use. Some of the dresses clearly were worn regularly, and the hats and purses tend to be practical rather than exotic or overly formal. So this collection includes a wide range of garments that people rarely save, let alone donate.

It also features the typical fashions of the middle class. While fashion history tends to focus on clothing designed for the upper classes, few plays are about characters that are both wealthy and fashionable. Teaching students to extrapolate what the middle class wore from haute couture sources is challenging. With this collection, we have actual items that can be linked to the original high fashion design. As a result, research will transform itself into the tangible in our classrooms.

Hats, purses, aprons, handkerchiefs, bed jackets and nightgowns can be priceless tools that help a costume designer visually define a character. But few scholarly texts focus on these items, and little information can be found on them in period sources.

Clearly, then, the Vaughan collection offers a unique opportunity for hands-on study. Providing actual samples of period fabrics is nearly impossible, but now we can give our students the chance to study and compare early synthetic fabrics. We also have a commercially purchased dress and a homemade dress from the same

period, giving us direct evidence of period construction techniques.

While studying the collection, I discovered an intriguing mystery. It is unusual to own more than one copy of a given dress. Jeans and T-shirts aside, most of us seldom repeat a design more than once, and even then we vary the color. So I was astonished to find that we have five dresses made from the same home sewing pattern. All five are made from a synthetic fiber, and all are blue (in varying shades) and white! Each dress features subtle variations in the collar and the trimmings, but all five have the same type of pleats in the front of the skirt.

Paula Vaughan began working for the mayor of Greenville in 1943, and these five dresses clearly speak to the impact of World War II. The fabric restrictions, the stress placed on redoing and making do, and the fashion for the practical are all embodied in these dresses.

We may never know why these clothes have been preserved, or what meaning Miss Vaughan placed on them. They reveal the ravages of time in their fragile and discolored fibers, missing buttons and lost belts. But as we examine and study them, history comes alive and reminds us that a spirit can live on in the simple things we leave behind.

— Kathleen Gossman  
Assistant Professor, Theatre Arts



**Hynds**, a daughter, Morgan Grace, June 3. Greg is the controller for Pinnacle Staffing in Greenville. ■ **Jim and Victoria Deichert Lawson**, a daughter, Ashleigh Elizabeth, May 29. ■ **Lance and Meredith Lentz '94 Lewis**, a daughter, Pearce Elizabeth, January 11, Avondale Estates, Ga. ■ **Brooks and Katie Mays**, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, December 6, 2001. Brooks is a resident in internal medicine at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, S.C. ■ **Leland, Jr., and Melanie Vaughn Powell**, a daughter, Katelyn Ashley, April 5, Charlotte, N.C. Lee is a manager at KPMG, LLP, and Melanie is a child neuropsychologist in private practice. ■ **Cory and Melinda Bray Smith**, a son, Connor James, April 19, Hilton Head Island, S.C. ■ **Monty and Elizabeth Hillmer Walton**, a daughter, Mary Lewis Walton, December 28, 2001, Knoxville, Tenn. Elizabeth teaches at Gresham Middle School. ■ **Bill and Shannon Wilkerson Wilson**, a son, William Marvin IV, September 2, Greenville.

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**Hoyt Hudson Andres** earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in performance from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in May. ■ **Jennie Brown** is an accountant with Walston, Wells, Anderson & Bains in Birmingham, Ala. ■ **Jason Ensley** has become an associate in the Johnson City, Tenn., law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. He concentrates his practice in the area of labor and employment law. ■ **Jeremy Lont** works with Harbor Energy, Inc., in New York. ■ **Hannah Bright Morris** has started a sales recruiting business in El Segundo, Calif. ■ **Jill Petryshyn Paden** has left McGraw-Hill and is now a partner with her husband, **Brett '95**, in TriMeros South. ■ **Mark Souther** is an adjunct instructor at Tulane University in New Orleans, La., teaching upper-

level and survey courses in modern U.S. history. ■ **Will Waring** has become assistant principal at Knightsville Elementary School in Summerville, S.C. ■ **Jeana Samples Yates** completed her Master of Science degree in biotechnology at Northwestern University last fall and is employed as product manager for life science and biotechnology products in the marketing department of Cole-Parmer Instrument Company in Vernon Hills, Ill. ■ **MARRIAGES: Corrie Byelick** and Bill Stover, April 27. Corrie is a developmental specialist/LMHC at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. ■ **John Denning** and Kellie Hilker, June 8. John is completing his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Louisiana State University. Kellie has completed her post-Ph.D. internship and is beginning a two-year post-doctoral program. ■ **Evan Anslem Gatti** and Todd Alan Nicolet, August 10. She is a lecturer in the art department at Furman. ■ **Leigh Ann Gauthier** and James Michael Savage, August 17. They live in Greenville. ■ **Kerry Gail Stubbs** and Tyson Neil Boheler, August 10. She is assistant manager of Forest Park, L.L.C., and he is a broadcast engineer with SCETV in Columbia, S.C. ■ **Teresa Wyatt** and Jim Klauber, December 8, 2001, Greenwood, S.C. ■ **BIRTHS: Jay and Shawn Guynn '96 Eckard**, a daughter, Bevin Elaine, April 9, Cartersville, Ga. ■ **Butch and Meredith Green Kinerney**, a son, John Douglas, June 17, South Riding, Va. ■ **Bill and Macie Martin Lawton**, a daughter, Olivia Grace, April 28, Pelzer, S.C. ■ **Blake and Jenny King Neeley**, a daughter, Elizabeth Claire, April 26, Goodlettsville, Tenn. ■ **Christopher and Anne Neil Chalker Piccone**, a daughter, Isabella Ann, April 2, Safety Harbor, Fla. ■ **Anthony and Amy Scott Russo**, a daughter, Catherine, March 1, Durham, N.C. ■ **Phalen and**

**Sarah Watkins Satterfield**, a daughter, Peyton Avery, June 17, Gainesville, Fla.

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### Next reunion in 2005

**Robbie Flowers** is studying for a Ph.D. in forest entomology at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg. ■ **Jeff Hammer** of Greenville has moved from the position of senior account executive with BSA International to director of digital marketing in the business development unit. He has completed his term as chapter president of the Wade Hampton-Taylor's Jaycees and is now the chapter's chairman of the board. ■ In May, **Phillip Lee Hargrove, Jr.**, graduated from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., with a Master of Theology degree. ■ After earning a master's degree in social work from the University of South Carolina in May, **Deborah Harnish** accepted a job with Our Lady of Mercy Outreach. She works with impoverished families and migrant farmers in the Charleston, S.C., area. ■ **April Knight** lives on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Kayenta, Ariz., where she works as a pediatric occupational therapist for Special Services Consortium. ■ **Randy Lee** has been promoted to project manager for the product development and research team at ProActive Technology in Greenville. ■ After two years of teaching math in Guinea, West Africa, with the Peace Corps, **Owen Mathews** has returned to Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Mary Beth Ponder Nesbitt** works as an EMT/paramedic in Greenville County. ■ **Jenna Olson** is a clinical research associate with Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc., in Atlanta, Ga. She works on pharmaceutical research studies involving investigational drugs. ■ **Holly McDaniel Orr** has joined the staff of Amy Pride, Inc., in Greenville as a full-time sales consultant. ■ **Jeff Sexton** is a production

manager with Lucite International in Memphis, Tenn. ■ **Charles Volkert III** is an attorney in Miami, Fla. He manages the legal staffing division of the affiliates of Robert Half International, a Fortune 500 company. ■ **MARRIAGE: Scott Summers** and Heather Nicole Wilson, August 10, Greenville. Both are deputies in the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. ■ **BIRTHS: Brett and Judith Onley Buzzell**, a daughter, Peyton Elizabeth, July 15, Columbia, S.C. ■ **Mark and KariBeth Childress**, a son, James Faxon, May 25, Norcross, Ga. Mark is an account executive with BellSouth. ■ **Joseph and Paula Kelley**, a daughter, Abigail Nichole, June 25, Charleston, S.C. ■ **John and Mikki Streight '96 Ramey**, a son, John Tompkins, April 4. John has begun a fellowship in allergy and immunology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. ■ **Chet and Erin Riddle Williams**, a son, Spencer Addison, February 14, Greenville.

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**Bryan Cochran**, who is working on a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of Washington, is doing his clinical internship at the Veteran's Administration hospital in Seattle. ■ **Angela Dauby Harper** of Newberry, S.C., is a third-year resident in the general psychiatry department at the University of South Carolina/Palmetto Health Alliance. She has been elected to a two-year term as the resident representative to the American Psychiatric Association Board of Directors. ■ **Ashley Holmes**, a teacher in the Lexington County (S.C.) school system, has completed her master's degree. ■ **Julie Prince Pare**, who works with Prudential/C. Dan Joyner in Greenville, was named Prudential Multi-Million Dollar Producer and Rookie of the Year for 2001. She is also in the Prudential Honor Society. ■ **Todd Rantala** is a strategic



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sourcing consultant in corporate financial services with Wachovia Corporation in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Chip Rice** of Mauldin, S.C., is a chemist with the Milliken Research Corporation. ■ **Jeff** and **Catherine Mabry Shoaf** have moved to Houston, Texas, where Jeff works in retail business strategy for Reliant Energy. He recently earned his M.B.A. degree from Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia. Catherine is continuing her dentistry practice. ■ **Julie West Torres**, assistant coordinator of educational programs for refugees and immigrants with Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, was scheduled to begin graduate school this fall at the University of North Texas, pursuing a master's degree in English as a Second Language. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Paula Katherine Khoe** and **Michael Daniel Wehrle**, August 3. They live in King George, Va., and are employed at the Dahlgren Naval Surface Warfare Center, she as an aerospace engineer and he as a computer scientist. ■ **Anne-Marie Sanders** and **Dann V. Angeloff**, July 6. She is a student at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine. He is employed at Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C., as an associate in the Financial Sponsors Group. ■ **Bronwen Elizabeth Sanderson** and **William Michael Greene**, May 18. She is a pediatric resident at Greenville Memorial Hospital and he is a physician at Greenville ENT Associates. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Arthur and Margaret Ladson Barbee**, a son, Gray, March 1, Peachtree City, Ga. ■ **Allen and Susan Looper '98 Cooper**, a daughter, Emma Rebecca, June 8, Easley, S.C. ■ **Jeff and Emily Reed Greene**, a son, Mitchell Roberts, March 31, Boone, N.C. ■ **Scott '98 and Jane Moody Keefauver**, a son, Timothy Michael, July 16, Easley, S.C. ■ **Rob and Kristi Padgett Olterman**, a son, Nathan Bolton, June 18, 2001, Atlanta, Ga. Rob is a vice president with

AIM Systems, Inc., a life insurance agency. ■ **Chris** and **Nicole Runyon**, a daughter, Mary Mackenzie, August 1, Charleston, S.C. ■ **Kenneth and Blair Hennett Zeimet**, a son, William McCauley, May 15, Greenville. Blair is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Merck & Co.

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### Next reunion in 2007

**Ben Boardman** is an aviator in the U.S. Army and is stationed with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. ■ **Lori Boatright** lives in Chester, Pa., and is a teacher of English and rhetoric at The Christian Academy. ■ **Brandon M. Cordell** has become an associate with Lewis Fisher Henderson Claxton & Mulroy, LLP, an employment law firm representing management. He is practicing out of the firm's Jackson, Miss., office. ■ **Althea Deckrosh** has completed a Master of Arts degree in counseling at Covenant Theological Seminary. ■ **Todd Edwards** of Greer, S.C., is an operations leader with General Electric. ■ **Heather Griffin**, a third grade teacher in Spartanburg (S.C.) School District 2, has completed National Board Certification in Early Childhood. ■ **Kevin (M.A.) and Sarah Couch Piland** have moved to Clayton, Ga., in Rabun County, where Kevin has his own rehabilitation clinic. Sarah is finishing her nursing program on the Atlanta campus of Mercer University. ■ **Christie Pees Thomas** is a pediatric resident with the Palmetto Health Alliance in Columbia, S.C. ■ **Brian Thompson** received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Yale University in May and is now a senior scientist at GlaxoSmithKline in Chapel Hill, N.C. ■ **Kris Watts** recently completed a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, specializing in music technology and computer music. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Lily Chang** and **Troy Matthew Nunley**, August 3. They are

graduate teaching assistants at the University of Missouri in Columbia and are pursuing doctorates in philosophy. ■ **Julie Glasser** and **Jason Stebbins**, November 3, 2001. They live in Dallas, Ga., and Julie works in a cardiac rehabilitation program. ■ **Katy Seaver** and **Luke Cross**, October 6, 2001. They live in Clovis, N.M., where she is a pharmacist with Walgreens and he is an F-16 pilot in the U.S. Air Force. ■ **Amy Spencer** and **Keith Pelster**, June 2001. They live in St. Louis, Mo. ■ **Meredith Leigh Wilson** and **Jason Samuel Burton**, July 20. She is a teacher at Fountain Inn Elementary School and he is a software engineer at Guardian Building Products of Greenville. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Chris and Melanie Montgomery Brummett**, a son, William Gentry, February 28, Alexandria, Va. ■ **Colin and Brandy Justice Ross**, a daughter, Reagan Olivia, December 29, 2001, Lawrenceville, Ga. ■ **Jared and Sarah Wing '99 Svendsen**, a daughter, Emma Madeline, May 10, Boca Raton, Fla.

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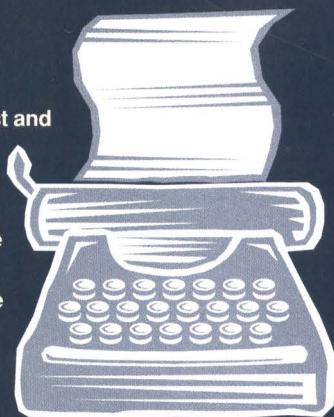
**Benjamin Barnhill** has become an associate in the Greenville law office of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, L.L.P. He will focus his practice on corporate, tax and estate planning. ■ **Matt Black** is operations director in the event division of The Marketing Arm in Dallas, Texas. ■ **Dana Olsen Lanning** is a pharmacist with Evanston Northwestern Healthcare in Chicago, Ill. ■ **Lance Leviner** works for SunCom/TritonPCS in Charleston, S.C., providing customer support. ■ **Stephanie Young McGoldrick** of Maitland, Fla., is a graduate student at the University of Central Florida, where she works in the school's student activities office. ■ **Marisa Manzi Nava** has begun a predoctoral internship in clinical psychology at the Hall Institute of the

Department of Mental Health in Columbia, S.C. ■ **Jeff** and **Dean Brannen Noblin** live in Albany, Ga., where Dean works with SunTrust Bank. ■ **Andrew Severson** of Stuart, Fla., is an associate attorney with the law firm of Burns & Severson, P.A. ■ **Traci Shortridge**, who has been an admissions officer at Greenville Technical College, was scheduled to start classes this fall at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C. She plans to pursue a master's degree in speech-language pathology. ■ **Jeff Youngs** of Mauldin, S.C., has become an investigator with the U.S. Investigations Services. ■ **MARRIAGES:** **Kathryn Hollister Bloxdorf** and **Jason Woodrow Heming**, June 8. Kathryn is a third grade teacher at Liberty (S.C.) Elementary School and Jason is a business analyst for BlueCross Blue Shield of South Carolina. ■ **Andrea Bobotis** and **Jason Heider**, May 18. They live in Richmond, Va., where Jason recently completed his M.B.A. degree at Virginia Commonwealth University. Andrea is working toward a doctorate at the University of Virginia. ■ **Brian Christopher Joyner** and **Kristina Elizabeth Powell '99**, May 25. They live in Greenville where she teaches in the county school district. Brian is a student at Clemson University. ■ **Brian George Nickerson** and **Margaret Anne Craig**, May 18. She is a graduate student at the University of South Carolina and he is an engineer at Civil Engineering Consulting Services. ■ **Tiffany Adele Williams** and **Henry Steward Watson, Jr.**, June 8. She is a teacher and coach at Wade Hampton High School and he is a project engineer for Beers Skanska Construction Company in Greenville. ■ **BIRTHS:** **Joseph M. and Joanna Espinosa**, a daughter, Hannah Adeline, September 25, 2001, Greenville. Joseph is employed at Michelin. ■ **John and Amanda Fortner Hendrich**, a son, John, May 28, Easley, S.C. Amanda teaches in the Greenville County school



## Letter to the editor

I read with great interest and pleasure the story "Crescent Revival" in the summer issue of the magazine about the Northwest Crescent Learning Center, where I've been an ESL volunteer for about two years. Although I go there every week and have figured out some of the other activities that occur there, it was amazing to learn how much happens there and how the place got started.



There is another aspect of the center to which I can testify, and that is the life-changing opportunities it offers to its volunteers. I began as a regular ESL teacher with a fairly large beginners class and now teach a pronunciation class, both with mostly Spanish-speaking students. I have been involved in lots of volunteer work in my life, but nothing that has been as much pure fun as this. Working with determined adults who are not only avid learners but also generous and open-hearted with their frequently stymied, completely non-professional teacher is a great joy. I often think that if everybody had a chance to work with students like these, no one would want to do anything else in life but teach.

This work has given me a chance to meet people I would never meet otherwise, to think about my own language and my own community in completely different ways, and maybe, most importantly, to laugh a lot, something I am often much too busy and serious to do. It has given me the necessary impetus to learn Spanish (I speak French, which either is making this easier or harder). And my daughter, a college junior who fills in at the center during the summers, is thinking that she will work with ESL when she finishes school.

Being part of the larger community in the way that we have been able to at the Northwest Crescent has been an unexpected gift to both of us.

— Debbie Spear  
Greenville

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system. ■ **Christopher** and Katherine **Stewart**, a son, David, May 7, Lexington, Ky.

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**Camille Bennett** is pursuing an acting career in Los Angeles, Calif. ■ **Nikki Lacount Brandt** of Taylors, S.C., has become a staff accountant with Scan Source. ■ **Miyako Keon Chambliss** has earned a master's degree in health administration from the University of South Carolina and received a fellowship for a one-year position with the Western New York Veterans Hospital in Buffalo. ■ In July, **Alison Cunnold** accepted a job teaching fifth grade in the Fulton County (Ga.) school system. ■ **Chris Ford**, a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law, was scheduled to enter the U.S. Army as a J.A.G. officer when he passed the Bar. ■ **Brian Gill** lives in Lubbock, Texas, and is a medical student. ■ **Matthew** and **Amanda Thrasher '00 Hobbs** are stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., where he is executive officer of an AIT company, training new recruits in the U.S. Army. ■ **B.J. Huston** is doing information security work for the U.S. Navy in London, England. ■ **Rebecca Muncrief** works as assistant manager in the Treasury Group of TD Securities (USA) Inc. in Houston, Texas. ■ **Leslie Coates Rogers** lives in Watkinsville, Ga., and teaches Latin and advanced literature at Oconee County High School. ■ **Cameron Runyan** of Columbia, S.C., served as finance director for the Phil Leventis for Lieutenant Governor campaign. ■ **Joanna Ponder Skinner** has completed her M.B.A. degree and is writing her thesis to complete her degree in arts administration at the University of Ohio. ■ **Chrystal Smith** of Shaker Heights, Ohio, is a student at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. ■ **Kristin Stultz** of Duluth, Ga., is public relations coordinator for the DeMoss Group, a firm

that specializes in the media needs of Christian ministries. ■ **Suzanna Wellman** is an internal auditor for the CSX Corporation in Jacksonville, Fla. ■

**MARRIAGES:** **Christine Dawkins** and Joseph Brewster, May. They live in the Washington, D.C., area, and Christine is a social worker with the DC Child and Family Welfare Services. ■ **Edwin Alonzo Farnell** and Allison Joan Smith, July 13. Both are fourth-year students at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. ■ **Rebekah Katherin Gentry** and Jonathan Martin Gregory, August 3. They live in Lansing, Mich., where he attends the Thomas Cooley Law School. ■ **Clevonne Michelle Houser** and **LeRoy Gaillard '00**, August 10. After completing her law degree in May, Clevonne accepted a position as an associate in the law firm of Thompson Hine. LeRoy is working toward a Master of Public Administration degree at Cleveland State University. They live in Shaker Heights, Ohio. ■ **Mary Wannamaker Huff** and Andrew Henderson, June 15. They live in Mercersburg, Pa., where she is organist and choral director at Mercersburg Academy. He is assistant organist at The Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York. ■ **Stephanie McClelland** and Win Walstad, November 17, 2001. He is a portfolio manager and she is a medical assistant in Santa Barbara, Calif. ■ **Mark Allan Rowe** and Olivia Joy Taylor, May 4. Both earned degrees from Mississippi College School of Law in May and now live in Greenville, where Mark is assistant legal counsel for Ryobi Technologies. ■ **BIRTH:** Jeff and **Heather Peach Phillips**, a daughter, Riley Eileen, March 18, Charlotte, N.C.

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### Next reunion in 2005

**Christine Aeschliman** is currently working as a proof-reader for Deloitte & Touche



LLP in Atlanta, Ga. She plans to return to the Aurora Theatre as stage manager for the 2003-04 season. ■ **Lindsay Austin**, a teacher in the DeKalb County (Ga.) school system, is pursuing

## Class notes policy

Because of the large number of submissions and clippings Furman receives for the magazine's class notes section and the amount of time it takes to review, compile and edit so much information, news items frequently are not published until five or six months after they are submitted.

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a master's and specialist degree in school counseling at Georgia State University. ■ **Curtis Callaway** has earned a master's degree in American history from the University of South Carolina. ■ **Laura Christian** earned her Master of Social Work degree from the University of North Carolina in May and became director of child and family support with Loaves and Fishes in Raleigh, N.C. ■ While working toward his master's degree in Spanish at the University of New Mexico, **Phil Guengerich** has become athletic coordinator at East Mountain High School in Albuquerque. He will also teach Spanish at the charter school. ■ **Kate Hanmer** is a second grade teacher at High Point Elementary School in Fulton County, Ga. ■ **Elizabeth Head** has earned a Master of Music Education degree from Florida State University. She lives in Vinings, Ga., and works as the orchestra director at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School (middle and upper schools). ■ **Craig Hunter** completed his Master of Public Policy degree in international development and cultural policy at the University of Chicago in June and is now working for USAID in Durban, South Africa. He has enrolled at the University of Natal to pursue a master's degree in development studies. ■ **Nicole Maglio**, a student at Hofstra University School of Law in New York, is employed with Arkwin Industries, a company that manufactures hydraulic parts for commercial and military aircraft, turbine engines and other spacecraft. ■ **David Schilling** was to enroll this fall at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky. ■ **Kaitlin Summerville**, a ski instructor at Big Sky Resort in Montana, spent the summer in Wanaka, New Zealand. ■ **Lizzi Lightner Winter** is studying for a master's degree in library studies at Florida State University. ■ **MARRIAGES: Andrea Mills** and **Gus Suarez**, August 3. Both

are enrolled at the University of Georgia, he as a third-year law student and she as a candidate for a master's degree in social work. ■ **Kristin Rakness** and **Jason Riddle**, April 20. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where she is an employment tax consultant for Deloitte & Touche LLP. ■ **Robin Thomas** and **Jay DiBartolomeo** '01, November 10, 2001. They live in Rockville, Md., and Robin is the political advertising coordinator for Katz Media Group, Inc. ■ **Ginger Marie Warlick** and **Andrew Euta Colvin**, June 1, Easley, S.C. They live in Columbia, S.C. She is an English teacher at Richland Northeast High School and he attends the University of South Carolina School of Law and works in the William S. Elder Law Firm.

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### Next reunion in 2006

**Dean Ferreira** is a senior training consultant with Solution Source LLC in Greenville. ■ **Meg Flannagan**, who has been working with the Presbyterian Church USA in Belfast, Northern Ireland, is now working with Presbyterian church and campus ministries in the Charleston, S.C., area. ■ **David Kimball** has joined the staff of Infinity Marketing, Inc., in Greenville as vice president of interactive. ■ **Jennifer Neal** is an exercise physiologist with North Greenville Fitness and Cardiac Rehab. ■ **Benjamin Simon** has been selected as a fellow of the Trinity Forum Academy, a nine-month residential learning community on the grounds of Osprey Point Leadership Center in Maryland. ■ **Chu Pak Smith** of Simpsonville, S.C., has joined Right Management Consultants as a market resources consultant. ■ **MARRIAGES: Thomas Bandy** and **Rebecca Jackson**, June 16, 2001. They live in Ann Arbor, Mich. Rebecca is a receptionist and medical records clerk at Huron Valley Urology Associates in Ann Arbor. Thomas is organist and choir

director at Salem Memorial Lutheran Church in Detroit. ■ **Gabrielle Ferguson** and **Leander Cannick III**, August 10. She is enrolled in a joint Ph.D./D.M.D. program through the College of Graduate Studies/College of Dental Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He is also a student at MUSC. ■ **Joshua Ladd Linebaugh** and **Melissa Sue Manwaring**, May 25. They live in Columbia, S.C., where she is employed with Colonial Supplemental Insurance Company and he at Lexington Medical Center. ■ **Matthew Patrick Link** and **Jennifer Lynn McDonald**, June 29. They live in Augusta, Ga., where he is a student at the Medical College of Georgia and she teaches math at Crosscreek High School. ■ **James Andrew Parker** and **Annie Jane Wood**, July 20. He is a tennis professional at Greenville Country Club, with plans to pursue a career in commercial real estate. She is a student at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., pursuing a Master of Arts degree in teaching. ■ **Bethany Shannon Pyles** and **Wade Stuart Wimmer**, August 10. She is a sales research coordinator at Clear Channel Radio and he is homecare operations manager at Spartanburg (S.C.) Regional Medical Center.

## 02

### Next reunion in 2007

**Preston Broadhead** became restaurant manager for the Chicago (Ill.) Chop House in June. ■ **Banning Ballard** and **Ford Grable** are in Japan, serving as assistant language teachers in the Japan English Teaching (JET) Program. ■ **Meredith Moore** is currently working as a nanny in Raleigh, N.C. She plans to enter graduate school next fall. ■ **Thomas Player** has been named a regional researcher by Realti-Corp in Greenville. ■ **MARRIAGES: Jennifer Leigh Bailey** and **Matthew Dave Everhart**, June



22. They live in Bloomington, Ind., where she is studying for a master's degree in clarinet performance at Indiana University. He works for Jay Howard Production Audio. ■ **Allison Leigh Butcher** and **James David Fox**, June 14. They live in Greenville where he attends Greenville Technical College and works at High Tech Development Center. ■ **Amanda Faith Crawford** and **Charles Edward Underhill III**, July 6. ■ **Arianna McLain** and **David Shirk**, July 6. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

## DEATHS

**Hazel Revis Ponder** '28, August 4, Greenville. She taught at Sans Souci Elementary School in Greenville for 38 years.

**Mary Lancaster Reeves** '29, June 28, Spartanburg, S.C. She was retired from Evans Junior High School after 34 years of teaching in public schools.

**Sara Thomson Waikart** '29, May 27, Seneca, S.C. She was a portraitist who also taught art classes in Seneca. She and five other artists founded the Blue Ridge Arts Council, and she was often referred to as Oconee County's "Grandma Moses." In addition, she worked as a secretary at Seneca High School, retiring in 1970.

**Mary Inman Hendricks** '32, July 20, Columbia, S.C. She played the violin with the Columbia Philharmonic and was a member of the Afternoon Music Club, the Gardenia Garden Club and the Home Arts Club.

**Susan Ann Ava Hendricks Hughes** '32, August 3, Greenville. She was a retired teacher.

**Willie James Verdin** '32, July 28, Lincolnton, N.C. He was the retired owner of Verdin's Dairy.

**Mary Bethea Wilds** '33, July 31, Laurens, S.C. She taught high school English in Greenville County for 41 years.

**Kathleen Trammell Cox** '35, June 22, Greenville. She taught fourth grade in Florida and in the Greenville County School District for 40 years.

**Christie Clare Prevost** '35, June 20, Greenville. He was principal of Prevost Realty Company and was also associated with Byrum and Bates prior to his retirement. He was a member of several organizations, including the Greenville Rotary Club and St. Andrews Society of Upper South Carolina.

**David S. Boyd** '36, July 14, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier S.S. Bennington, and was retired from Anchor Post Products.

**Louise Glymph Mullinax** '36, July 13, Panorama Village, Texas.

**Bess Partridge Bethea** '38, May 19, Latta, S.C. She was a member of the Dillon County Historical Society.

**Lloyd Odell Hughes** '38, August 10, Greensboro, N.C. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a charter member of the World Peace Through Law Peace Committee. After the war, he worked with High Point Bank and Trust Company, was treasurer and business manager at Brevard College and was an auditor at High Point College. He was also a partner at Hughes-Ranking Company for 40 years. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was a member of the High Point Jaycees and the Lions Club. In addition, he was a Legion of Honor DeMolay and State Deputy of the Order of DeMolay, was on the board of advisors for Friends Home, and was a member of Concerned Citizens and Model Cities.

**James Towler** '38, June 28, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a self-employed carpet salesman before his retirement.

**Mary Jane Walker Kinard** '40, August 21, Greenville. She had the distinction of being the first woman to be a member of the North Greenville College Board of Trustees. She was a charter member of the Camellia Garden Club.

**James Edward Shields** '42, June 7, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and was retired after working as a printer with *The Greenville News* for 46 years.

**Mary Witcher Duncan** '44, July 20, Greer, S.C. She was a former teacher in the Greenville County School District.

**Louise Pontious** '45, June 23, North Augusta, S.C. She had taught at Walterboro (S.C.) High School.

**Thomas Earl Snyder** '45, June 19, Greenville. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a retired chemical salesperson in the textile industry.

**Walter C. Simpson, Jr.** '46, April 6, Portsmouth, Va. He had been an optometrist with Booneville (Miss.) Vision Clinic.

**Claire Broome Wagner** '46, June 12, Clemson, S.C. She was a retired secretary.

**Mary Porter Lewis** '47, July 27, Pickens, S.C. She was retired from the administration office of the Pickens County School District.

**Mary Lynn Wilkins Zimmerman** '47, July 15, Greenville.

**William Howard Bagwell, Sr.** '48 (M.A. '60), July 6, Summerville, S.C. After U.S. Army service during the Korean Conflict, he was a high school and college coach and athletic director for 52 years. He served as a Field Judge for two National Track and Field championships, was co-founder of the Big South Athletic Conference, and retired after 30 years as the first athletic director at Charleston (S.C.) Southern University. For 20 years he served as a board

member of Dorchester County District 2 Schools, and he was a member of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Masons.

**Sara Virginia Smith Gentry** '48, August 4, Easley, S.C. She was active in a number of community organizations, including the Nosegay Garden Club and the Better Homes Club.

**Luther Zedic Barnett** '49, May 19, Charleston, S.C. A highly decorated U.S. Army veteran, he was a flight engineer aboard B-24 bombers, was a member of the Flying Tigers in the 14th Air Corps in China, and served in the Asia-Pacific Campaign during World War II. In 1955 he became the agency manager for Jefferson-Pilot Company in Charleston and represented the company for 30 years. He served in leadership roles on the local, state and national levels with such groups as the Jaycees, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, United Way, Heart Fund, Optimist Club and South Carolina Mental Health Association. He was a charter board member of the Trident Technical College Education Commission, eventually serving as its chair, and was a member of the national Association of Community College Trustees. He was selected South Carolina Man of the Year in 1995.

**Paul Morgan Stombaugh** '49, June 15, Greenville. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the destroyer USS Metivier. He worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 26 years as a special agent, and his work included investigations of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and of the controversial case of Jeffrey MacDonald, the Green Beret doctor who was convicted of the 1970 murder of his wife and two children at Fort Bragg, N.C. He retired from the FBI in 1976, after which he became director of the



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Greenville County Crime Laboratory. He was a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI-Piedmont Chapter.

**Peggy Cater Hamrick** '50, July 10, Spartanburg, S.C. She was active in church and civic organizations in both Spartanburg and Greenville and was deeply involved in university life at Furman. For many years she was a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, Mobile Meals of Spartanburg and St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic. She

was a past member of the board of the *Baptist Courier* as well as a past member of the YMCA of Spartanburg and a supporter of the YMCA's Black Achievers program.

**Jack Edwin Jenkinson** '51, June 3, Greenville. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was retired from GMAC.

**Jane R. Sampey** '51, July 30, Greenville. She taught English and American literature for 24 years, including five years at junior colleges in Georgia and North Carolina and 18 years at the American College for Girls/Roberts College in Istanbul, Turkey. From Turkey, she traveled in 35 countries in Europe and the Middle East. She won first prize in "The Face of Turkey" contest of the *Turkish Daily News* and served as assistant editor of the magazine *Crossroads: The World of Islam*. She was the author of 16 published articles and poems and four unpublished manuscripts about Turkey.

**John Andrew Stafford, Sr.** '51, July 2, Mauldin, S.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was retired from Southern Bell after 33 years. He was a member of the Masons.

**Jack F. Owens** '52, July 7, Georgetown, Del. A Marine Corps veteran, he went on to work as a coach and educational administrator in Pickens County, S.C., and served in an administrative capacity with Greenville Technical College. In 1967 he was hired to help open Delaware Technical & Community College, where he served as the campus' first administrator. Upon his retirement in 1995, the college's Southern Campus was renamed the Jack F. Owens Campus. In 1993, he was recognized with Delaware's highest award, "The Order of the First State." He received honorary degrees from Wilmington College and the University of Guadalajara, and he served on numerous boards

and commissions, including the Arthritis Foundation, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ducks Unlimited and the Beebe Medical Center.

**George A. Stack** '53, March 31, Owenton, Ky. He had been employed by Owen County/Ten Mile Baptist Church as director of admissions.

**Judith Neilley Sullivan** '54, January 6, Wyckoff, N.J.

**John McKinney Cann** '55, July 14, Laurens, S.C. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and served in the Army Reserves before beginning his career in ministry, which included churches in North Carolina, Kentucky, South Carolina and Frankfurt, Germany. He was the first administrator/chaplain of Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center in Laurens. He served on the Board of International European Baptist Federation and the general boards of state Baptist conventions in North and South Carolina.

**George Lee Broome** '56, May 29, Monroe, N.C. He was a military veteran and a retired Baptist minister.

**Jesse Bradford Brown, Jr.** '56, June 17, Aiken, S.C. He was a Baptist minister and had pastored churches in New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Porcelain Painters International Organization and was involved in the Gloucester County (N.J.) Art League.

**Brent Ralston Blake** '57, July 5, Columbia, S.C. He began his career as a salesman for Rice Music House in Greenville and later became manager of Rice Music House in Spartanburg, S.C. He then moved to Columbia to become vice president of a family firm, Lee Transport Equipment, Inc., and retired in 1997.

**Ruth Stanton Bryant** '61, July 25, Travelers Rest, S.C. She served with Greenville County Schools for 38 years and retired from Ebenezer Elementary School, where she was the principal. She was a member of the Greenville County Education Association and was instrumental in the establishment of the Glassy Mountain Fire Department.

**John Orlin Lenning** '62, August 12, Greenville. A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, he had a brief stint with The Navigators in California before moving to Greenville to work as an associate with Cliff Barrows and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He served as producer of Graham's weekly radio broadcast for 41 years and was most recently director of the TV Telephone Ministry of BGEA.

**Ann Jordan McNeely Manzanares** '63, May 20, Louisville, Ky. After serving in Venezuela in the Peace Corps, she became an escrow supervisor in a savings and loan in Denver, Colo.

**Roy Parsons Taylor** '64, May 31, Elon, N.C.

**Thomas Edward Self** '84, July 26, Greenville. After service in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, he worked as a medical equipment supplier with Carolina Oxygen Service in Greenville.

**Kerry Harike Joedecke** '94, July 1, Atlanta, Ga. After working as a law clerk in Bankruptcy Court in Savannah, Ga., she became an associate with the Rogers & Hardin law firm in Atlanta. She served as the recent grad appointee to the University of Georgia Board of Visitors from 1997 through 1999.

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## Dramatic shift

*Putney's law career takes back seat to her shot at show biz*

**Y**ou may have seen Laura Putney last May 3.

At approximately 9:55 p.m. EDT, she was lying on a street in Washington, D.C., the victim of a hit-and-run that was clearly no accident.

Laura looked done for, her body beaten and battered, her friend kneeling beside her, crying for help. Would a miracle happen? Would she somehow survive?

We'll never know. "First Monday," the CBS show about the Supreme Court on which she guest-starred as the unlucky casualty, was canceled, leaving viewers (and Laura) hanging.

Frankly, though, it looked like she needed to be transported to "ER" — STAT. More likely, as she says, "That character will just have to be on 'Six Feet Under'."

Fortunately, the real Laura is alive and well and has moved on to a more stable CBS program: "JAG." She has a recurring role this year as an attorney on the popular military/legal drama.

And what does "recurring" mean? "You get to be on more than one show," she says. Her first episode aired November 5.

She's not about to complain about typecasting, either, although in real life, she really is an attorney — with a rather impressive pedigree: Harvard Law School, Class of 1995. The "JAG" break came after the show's producer, Donald Bellisario — who also produced "First Monday" and happens to have a law degree himself — learned that he and Laura shared a similar educational background.

Officially, she is "of counsel" in Los Angeles for the firm of Kauff, McClain & McGuire, with whom she worked full time in New York before following her heart and moving to the West Coast. So while she tries to build a theatrical career by guesting on television shows, doing commercials and independent films, and studying and performing with ACME Comedy Theatre, a sketch comedy group, she has the luxury of knowing that she has something to fall back on.

She says, "Many actors struggle to make a living while pursuing their career. I'm fortunate to be able to practice law on the side. It's interesting and challenging, I like it, and it's a flexible job that will support me."

Acting has long had a grip on Laura Putney, a history major and 1992 *summa cum laude* graduate of Furman. As an undergraduate, she appeared in several



**On September 1, Laura Putney took on a new role when she married attorney James Feldman.**

Furman theatre productions and performed locally and regionally with Idiom Savant, a popular improvisational troupe.

When she moved on to Harvard, she says, she enjoyed "a fantastic three years in an intellectually stimulating environment." Aside from her law studies, she took classes at the American Repertory Theatre and became involved with the law student drama society, which presented parodies of student life. "I performed, wrote and directed," she says. "We had great fun."

During her final year, she produced something more serious: a 45-minute mini-documentary about the law school experience. At the time, Harvard was undergoing some public and private turmoil, which she says has since been resolved.

Putney, who received academic credit for the project, interviewed more than 20 classmates, most of whom expressed disenchantment with the school and its numbing effect on their lives. She donated the video, of which only a few copies were printed, to the school; professors and university committees watched it in an effort to understand and address the students' dissatisfaction.

Somehow, though, the *New York Times* found out about it, interviewed Putney, and wrote a story saying that no one at Harvard Law School wanted to be a lawyer. Putney,

who was preparing to start her legal career with the firm of Alston & Bird in Atlanta, Ga., was quoted as saying that, given her druthers, she'd rather act.

The story, published shortly after her graduation, set off a few shock waves. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* picked up on the Alston & Bird connection and wrote a scathing editorial about this "ungrateful" young woman who didn't really want this wonderful job with this wonderful firm. The CBS Evening News and "Good Morning America" followed up, requesting interviews and clips from the film.

Putney was actually vacationing in Italy when the turmoil began. "It was a bit of a shock to get to my hotel and find a message saying, 'Dan Rather called,'" she says.

While she was willing to talk with the media, she wouldn't let them broadcast the film, in large part because her friends hadn't consented to have their views aired publicly. Without access to the film, the networks lost interest and the furor soon died down.

"It would be interesting to go back and see how the people I interviewed feel today," Putney says. "At the time, they had no perspective on their Harvard experience. I'm sure they'd offer a different take now."

After working for a year (and continuing to study acting) in Atlanta, Putney moved to New York with Kauff, McClain & McGuire. There she fed her acting jones by taking classes and landing occasional jobs, including a reading of a play by Furman alum Randall David Cook '91. But she was working 60-hour weeks, she says, so finding time for acting was difficult.

When the itch wouldn't subside, she decided to move to Los Angeles, which she did in the summer of 2001. At first she took a sabbatical leave, but when the firm asked if she would be willing to represent its interests on a part-time basis, she couldn't say no.

For Putney, things seem to be working out just fine. And in discussing the choices she has made, she recalls the words of a Harvard professor, who told students to "invent the job you want."

She says, "He told us not to try to imagine our career path, but to dream our wildest dream. Ask yourself, 'What do you want to keep from law school?' 'What do you want to add?' Then go out and create that job."

She seems to have followed his advice to the letter.

— Jim Stewart



# Crying fowl

*The residence halls weren't the only area of the Furman campus beset by overcrowding this fall. A major influx of Canada geese caused a variety of problems both on and around the lake.*

*While the university worked to address the situation, Furman magazine decided to seek out the avian point of view. Here's the perspective from one Branta Canadensis:*

Once we were appreciated, even celebrated. We were pictured in university brochures and featured in *South Carolina Wildlife*.

We were "Furman's Canada geese." Life was sublime.

Today, we are labeled "unmanageable" and "overly aggressive." We are accused of terrorizing small children, attacking sunbathing coeds and displacing the indigenous swans and ducks. Plus, they say we're creating a health hazard by leaving tell-tale reminders of our presence along the lake shore — and on the soles of people's shoes.

As for the university employees that once gladly fed us, they're shooting guns each morning in an attempt to scare us away. They may be firing blanks, but they're also making it perfectly clear where we stand in the lakeside pecking order.

And all of this because we had the audacity to get comfortable — and to invite our friends from up North to "Come on down."

Everything was fine when there were just a few of us. But now that our numbers have grown to more than 500 (and counting), we've become *gandera non grata*. Rumor has it that Furman is trying to find us a new home in a less populated area, and that the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources may soon swoop in and take us away.

Granted, things have gotten a bit crowded around here. And we may have brought some of this negative attention on ourselves.

We shouldn't have scared that 5-year-old (and his parents) half to death, but in our defense, we were hungry, he had the bread, and we do tend to flock to the nearest food source. We have also agreed to provide restitution to the elderly gentleman who injured himself while trying to avoid us. We're sorry he slipped on those droppings, although we suspect that some snooty swans set us up.

As for the coeds who were catching some rays, we really weren't being excessively forward. Our nips and nudges were nothing more than friendly overtures. We had no idea those girls were so scantily clad until they lit out for the dorms. They should chalk it up as a learning experience: It's hard to run and fasten your bikini top at the same time.

OK, we admit it. We're not perfect. We've done some bird-brained things. But is there no middle ground here?

After all, we like Furman. It nurtures our nesting instincts. We enjoy drinking from wisdom's fountain pure. And we find the emphasis on engaged learning to be uplifting.

So we're hoping we can work out a way to settle this flap. Perhaps our friends, the Muscovy ducks, could serve as arbitrators. Better yet, have the university form a task force! That's sure to give us at least a two-year reprieve.

In the meantime, we'll just try to fly under the radar and avoid those who may have foul play in mind. And if we are ultimately asked to leave, we won't let it get us down. We'll simply take off for bluer skies and calmer waters.

We don't need to ruffle any more feathers than we have already.











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